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Bethel selectmen:

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bike signs vote to be revisited; may add reminder to cyclists

After getting feedback from residents since their last meeting, Bethel selectmen Monday voted 4-1 to reconsider an earlier vote to erect signs warning motorists to give bicyclists space on town roads.

Last month the board approved three warning signs for the beginning of Vernon, North and Intervale roads, at a cost of approximately \$500, telling drivers to keep three feet away from cyclists.

But concerns were expressed at that meeting that some cyclists ride two or three abreast at times, making it difficult for motorists to give them space. In addition, there were descriptions that cyclists sometimes run stop signs and take short cuts.

Since then, said Selectmen Lloyd Sweetser and Don Bennett, they have heard from people who think the signs' messages should also include a reminder to the cyclists, too. Sweetser made a motion to reconsider the vote and Bennett

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Trailer, sandwich signs among ordinance changes for hearing

A public hearing is scheduled in Bethel for May 26 on several proposed ordinance changes, including one that would ban the use of trailers as advertising signs.

Code Enforcement Officer cited a trailer with a company logo on it that has been parked in one location in Bethel. "In my opinion it's a billboard," he said. "It's off-premise. They don't do business at that location."

He proposed changing the ordinance, which allows company information displayed on "vehicles," to the more specific term "motor vehicles."

Warden said that because trailers are registered "vehicles" carrying advertising, "It's pretty easy to get around our code."

The change would allow him "a little ground to get those moved. I've heard rumblings that that is the next move that people are going to do - get trailers, get their logos on it, then park it at their best friend's business with better visibility."

Warden is also proposing to expand the sign ordinance's

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Should the coach's kids play sports for free?

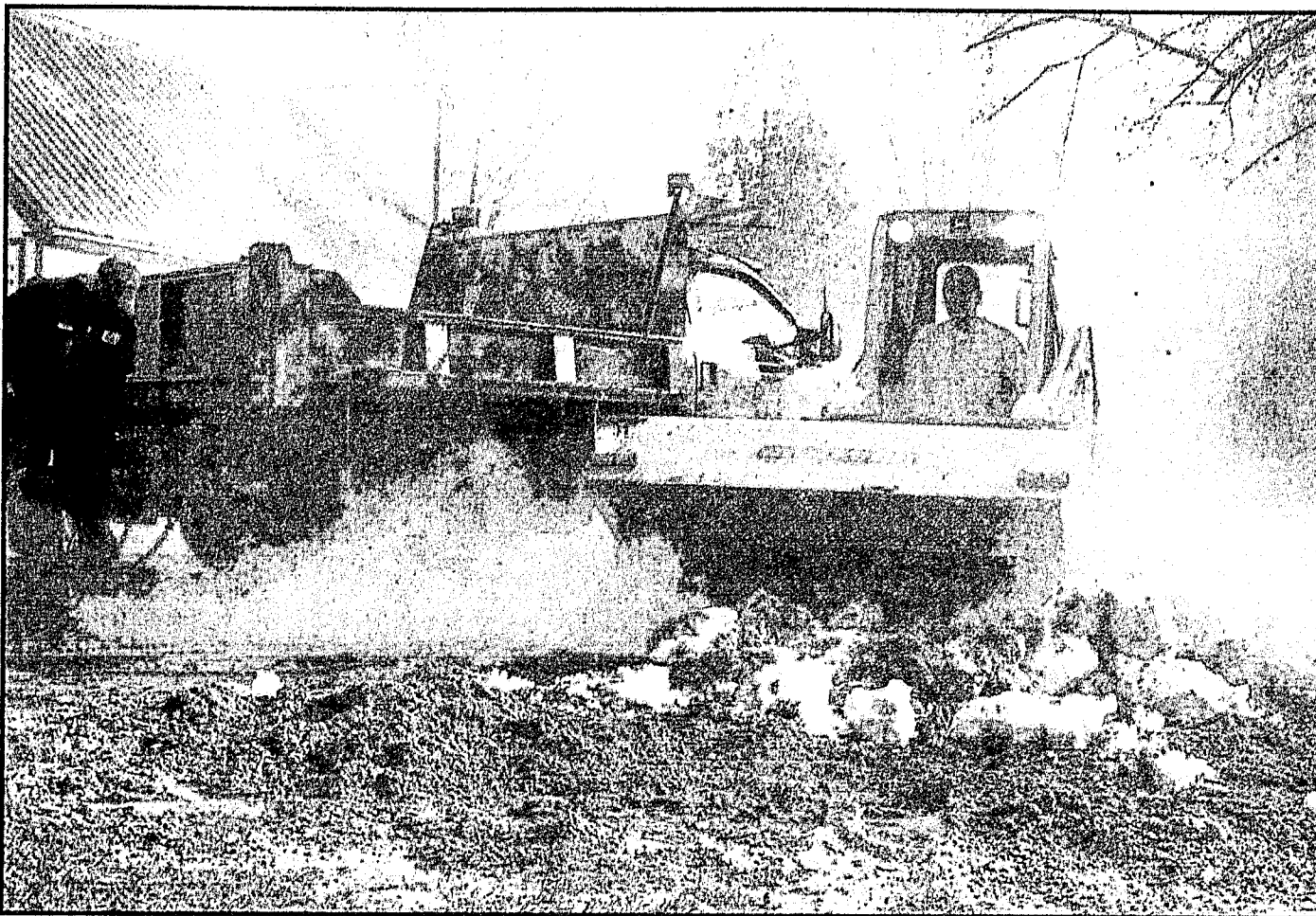
"This deserves a Mallard Mart discussion," said Selectman Don Bennett.

The selectboard was hesitant Monday to go with Town Manager Christine Landes recommendation that they end the practice of allowing recreational sports head coaches' children to play on the teams for free, instead of paying the usual \$25 or \$35 fee.

Rec Committee Chair Mary Scanlon said the practice has been in place for about 10 years, and was started because head coaches "are donating so much time."

She added that the town is currently experiencing a shortage of coaches, and waiving the fee might be a small incentive

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SNOW REMOVAL IN MAY-Despite recent warm temperatures, the remains of a huge pile of snow behind the Bethel Town Office lingered into May - along with all of the sand that had been pushed into it over the winter. Last Thursday a crew from D.A. Wilson helped Mother Nature along a bit by scooping up sand and snow to clean up and allow the grass below to grow.

A. Aloisio

SAD 44 to offer retirement incentive

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Members of the Telstar Education Association who are of normal retirement age but have not yet made a decision to retire will be offered a retirement incentive package of \$5,000 per year for two years, the School Board decided Monday night.

The TEA includes the district's teachers, educational technicians, and secretaries.

In order to be eligible for the incentive, employees must have reached normal retirement age, as determined by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, and must not have previously resigned from the district or announced their retirement.

Superintendent David Murphy said that employees who had accrued 10 years of employment under the Maine system before June 30, 1993 are eligible to retire at age 60, but in most cases employees would need to have reached 62 years of age to be eligible.

"We feel that if there are folks who take advantage of this, it will likely result in

a significant savings to the district," Murphy told the School Board.

Employees who accept the package would receive the \$5,000 incentive payment as a lump sum in July of each of the two years, and would be responsible for their own taxes on that amount.

The Finance Committee based its recommendation of \$5,000 per year for two years on the cost of health insurance for employees following retirement.

Under the Maine system, when eligible employees retire, the state pays 45 percent of their health insurance premiums for single coverage until they become eligible for Medicare at age 65.

Murphy said that in some cases, employees may put off retirement because of concerns over paying their share, about \$4,700 per year, of premiums.

"If you have someone who is 63 and has been planning to work another couple of years, this would give them an option of leaving early and taking the incentive," he said.

"That would allow us to

open the position up, and either offer it to someone else who might be in a position of losing their job this year, or of attracting some new folks to the district. So we don't see any down side to it."

He estimated that there were a total of about a dozen employees who would be eligible to take the incentive.

An incentive was last offered by the district in April of 2011, when eligible TEA members were offered a retirement incentive of \$3,000 per year for five years.

At that time, according to Central Office Administrative Assistant Robin Gundersen, three employees took advantage of the incentive.

STAFF CHANGES

Murphy told the board he had accepted resignations from Billie Jo Putnam, Telstar Middle School math

teacher, and Norman Greenberg, TMS social studies teacher, effective at the end of the school year.

At the recommendation of TMS Principal Clark Rafford and Dean of Students Mark Kenney, one of two middle school physical education/health teacher positions will be eliminated and replaced with a sixth grade content academic teaching position for 2015-16.

Elaine Ferland, currently the teaching principal at Andover Elementary School, will be the district's full-time educator effectiveness coach, a position that is funded by the district's multi-year TIF4 grant and is currently filled on a half-time basis by Clark Rafford, who is retiring.

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Local foods effort promotes health, "veggie tourism"

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Two of the organizers at the forefront of the Bethel area's local foods movement led a lively Brown Bag Lunch discussion at the Bethel Inn last week.

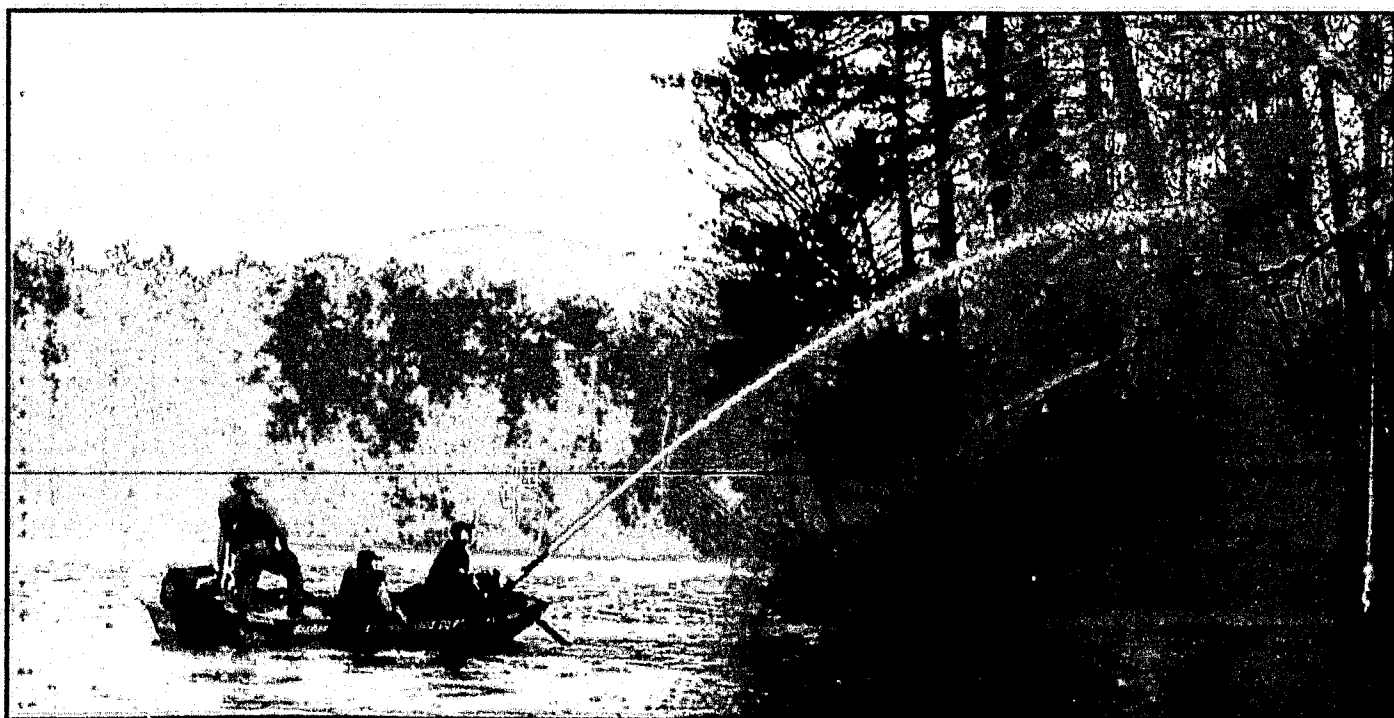
Sponsored by the Western Mountains Senior College, the event gave about 20 participants an opportunity to weigh in on ways to increase access to locally grown food, promote community involvement in local food initiatives, and work across generations to accomplish their goals.

Amanda Moran is spearheading the Edible Bethel project, which aims to see vegetable gardens tucked into containers and small plots of land at local businesses and residences throughout the downtown area.

Meryl Kelly coordinates the Local Food Connection, a community-driven organization that supports Edible Bethel, as well as other local foods initiatives, including GOT Farms, Telstar's after-school gardening program, open to all students in fourth through twelfth grade.

Moran has had a community garden at her downtown business, Nabos gift shop on Me-

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BOAT FIGHTS WOODS FIRE-The Bethel Fire Department's rescue boat was called upon for a somewhat different task last Thursday when a fire broke out on Horseshoe Island in Greenwood's South Pond. The boat was used to ferry firefighters to the island, as well as to spray water on the blaze. In addition to the Greenwood and Bethel fire departments, Woodstock also responded. BFD Chief Mike Jodrey said people were seen on the island shortly before the fire started.

Submitted photo

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Letters

'AGING IN PLACE' PROGRAM

To the Editor:

Where do you want to be as you grow older and approach the end of your life? Most of us would answer that question with an emphatic, "Why, in my own home, of course!" Yet the truth is, a great proportion of us end our lives in a hospital, nursing home, or long-term care facility.

If this situation causes you concern, then you are invited to attend the next session of "To Your Health" on Thursday, May 21, at 4:30 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church. "Aging in Place" is the topic and refers to seniors remaining independently in their homes as they age.

There are several initiatives right here in Maine that have aging in place as their aim. Four speakers will describe their experiences in developing such programs: Peter Morelli of AARP's Network of "Age-Friendly Communities," Julie Alaire of "Kennebunk: No Place Like Home," Joe Perkins of "At Home Downeast" in the Blue Hill area, and Patricia Oh from the "Bowdoinham Project." From their experiences, we will learn much about the feasibility of establishing such a program here in the Bethel area.

We encourage all who are interested in this topic to attend the program on the 21st.

Jacquelyn Cressy
For the To Your Health Committee

CIRCUS OLÉ THANKS

To the Editor:

I am writing to thank all those who participated in the 2015 Extravaganza Circus Olé and Feast of Fools. For the first year ever Circus Olé asked for sponsors from the community and we are so pleased by the generosity of local businesses. Our appreciation goes out to: Norway Savings Bank, Robert Bahre, The Ballroom, Healthy For Life Wellness Center, Bearfoot, Realty, The Maine Bookhouse, The Boxberry School, Androscoggin Bank, Bisco Property Management, Mahoosuc Arts Council, Freeman Photography, Creative Media, and a special thank you to Aroma Joe's for keeping performers caffeinated.

The show could not happen without a committed group of volunteers - a huge thank-you to Aranka Matolcsy, Delsey Andrews, Sam Little, Melanie Churchill, Heather Westleigh, Erica Carson, Amy Demint Walker and Avenue Media for running sound and lights.

A big "Olé!" to all the talented musicians, dancers, and variety of performers that came together to put on another spectacular experience for the Oxford Hills! Overwhelming gratitude, and hats off to Kale Churchill, Eddy Dyer, Clara Junken, Marc Rodrigue, Tobi Crosby, Erica Carson, Miranda Macleod, Oriana Noble, Elias and Aidan Ferris, Monica Farewell, Gabe Walker, Steve Corning, Shane Micon, Gabrielle Littlewood, Kerry Kaye, Andy Burke, Bronwyn Sims and Patrick Donnelly.

Last but not least, we have so much love for our dedicated audience members who came out to support us and choose to support an animal free circus! We can't wait to do it again! Olé!

Rijah Newell
Norway

CONGRATS ON MUSICAL

To the Editor:

Congratulations to all those who participated in the Telstar musical last week. It was an amazing performance. Can you believe what talent there is in our small high school? I believe that 15 percent of the students at Telstar had some part in the production. It is not only the dedication of these students, but the dedication and caring of the teachers who gave of their time and energy to encourage, coach, direct, and cheer on these students.

Don't be fooled by those who put down our public high school. Remember from a small acorn, a giant oak tree grows. So it is with the nurturing and guidance of excellent teachers, our students can grow not only academically, but by participating in activities such as this excellent musical production.

May we, as a community, continue to support public education not only financially, but with our time, energy and encouragement.

Peggy Wight
Newry

THANKS TO ROAD CREW

To the Editor:

Kudos to the Bethel town crew for making our road-sides clean again. A wonderful welcome to spring.

Ginny Gamble, Jan Stowell, Amy Davis, Kay Larson
Bethel

CORRECTION

GREENWOOD PROPERTY MAINTENANCE-A story in last week's Citizen about enforcement of the state property maintenance law on Doug and Bertha Grover's Greenwood property should have said the town does not necessarily have to return to court after photos are taken at the property.

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RUNNING FOR SELECTMAN

To the Editor:

I will be a candidate for re-election to the Board of Selectmen at our annual Town Meeting, to be held this Saturday, May 16 at 9 a.m. at the American Legion post on the Gore Road.

There are exciting things happening in Greenwood! Next year's Bicentennial events will give us all a chance to celebrate both our 200-year past and our bright future.

The implementation of single-stream recycling at the Transfer Station, recent "green" initiatives at Mt. Abram, our new Town Office on the Gore Road, and the opportunity to assess our strengths and prioritize our needs as we develop a proposed tax increment financing district have all positioned us well to look ahead.

I have enjoyed serving the town for the past six years and I look forward to continuing.

Amy Wight Chapman
Greenwood

REMAINING AMAZED AND LOVING IT!

To the Editor:

When I first experienced Bethel, one aspect that initially struck me was its beauty, and another was my being totally blown away by the "talent" that exuded from so many of the people I met here at that time. That was 37 years ago, and throughout all the years since I'm thankful to say those first impressions remained powerful... the beauty still awes me, and the talent and skill of so many in this area never ceases to amaze me.

This past week was no exception. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday we were blessed with the opportunity to yet again enjoy some artistic magic when many dedicated, enthusiastic, skilled and extremely talented students from our community did four performances of the musical "Anything Goes" at Telstar High School. What a wonderful production! The acting, singing, live music, sets, lighting, sound (how GREAT to be able to hear everyone!), costumes, make-up, the smooth scene changes... everything... it was all fabulous! It's obvious that this project required a tremendous amount of precious time and energy from so many people, and I trust I'm not alone in feeling very fortunate to have been a member of the audience and able to appreciate the results of everyone's hard work. Thank you all for such delightful entertainment!

Jewel Clark
Bethel

COME TO CLEAN ELECTIONS GATHERING

To the Editor:

Those who represent us in government make decisions that affect how we live together. We hope we elect representatives who will enact laws good for the greatest number of us and for the world in which we live.

But when candidates for public office receive most of their campaign funds from a small number of huge donations, it is very hard for them not to vote in favor of those donors' wishes. And when elected representatives have to spend more time asking for funds than they spend considering the issues on which they must vote, we are not well served.

Maine has led the nation in fostering government of, by and for the people. Its 1996 Clean Elections law has enabled many candidates to run for state offices who otherwise might not have been able to. This has helped bring us legislators with a variety of experience, knowledge and point of view, and with the independence to serve us all.

But since that year, our Clean Elections system has been weakened. The Clean Elections Initiative many of you helped to put on this November's ballot will greatly strengthen and expand this system.

To learn more about the Initiative and to help spread the word about it, please come to a gathering at the Crescent Park School cafeteria on May 20 at 4:30. A second meeting will be held, same time same place, on June 20. Whether you attend or not, please watch for further information about the Initiative and give it your vote in November.

Brendon Bass, Ginny Gamble, Marvin Ouwinga and Bonnie Pooley
Bethel

COME TO THE BAND CONCERT

To the editor:

After a long winter, signs of spring are emerging. The ice is out, some of the water birds are back, and daffodils have opened up, offering their gorgeous yellow color to the world. The days are longer and people's moods have improved.

And another sign of spring... The Mahoosuc Community Band is ready for its spring concert. All are invited Monday, May 18, for an evening of fun music at 7 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel.

The band has new music for this concert including: National Emblem March by Edwin Bagley, Abide With Me by William Monk and arranged by Jay Dawson, Duke Ellington in Concert arranged by Paul Murtha, Blue Moon featuring trombonist Ellen Whitney arranged by Warren Barker, and Jesus Christ Superstar by Andrew Lloyd Webber and arranged by Henry Mancini. Older favorites include Chicago Pop and Rock Legends arranged by John Wasson and Folk Song Suite by R. Vaughn Williams. The band is also going to play The Wallace March written by Tom Davis of Bethel for the band's 20th anniversary last summer.

The band wants to thank the community businesses for supporting the annual ad campaign for concert programs. Thanks to Scott Hynek for securing those donations to keep the community band performing music. These financial donations help with music purchases and equipment purchases.

Patricia Boyle-Wight is the director. The band members are all musicians that just play music because it's fun. The band rehearses Monday nights at 7 p.m. at the Congregational Church basement. New members are always welcome. We specifically encourage young musicians for the summer who want to keep on playing when the school year is over. For more information contact our president, Brian Dunham at velvet_hollow_sugar_hollow@yahoo.com or our director, Patricia Boyle-Wight at pboylewight@ants.edu.

Come Monday night, hear the music and support your local community band. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Jane Chandler
Bryant Pond

MAYFAIR THANKS

To the Editor:

Thank you to all of the community members who helped us pull off our second annual Mayfair. It was a great success! The addition of the Bike Rodeo, sponsored in part by Mahoosuc Kids Association, the Bicycle Coalition of Maine, Mahoosuc Pathways and others was a rousing success and very well attended.

We not only received many donations of services and time for our fundraising raffle, but the turnout was exceptional, and it was a great event overall. Thank you to everyone that contributed.

Thank you to the Oxford County Sheriff's Department for fingerprinting for the Child ID kits, and the Bethel Health Center for bringing the Story Walk.

Special thanks to the PTA Events Committee - Stacie Melanson, Amy Forbes DeVivo, Bruce Pierce, Haley Tripp, and all of the other PTA members/volunteers who helped to organize, set up and run the event including Karen DeCarolis, Shirley Merrill, Suzanne Pierce, Tanya Elliott, Joyce Pereira, Janet Stephenson, Lydia Mills, DeVivo and Hallett children, Shyllyn and everyone else that helped out.

Looking forward to doing it again next year!

Callie Pecunies and Renee Charette
PTA Co-Presidents

Notes from the State House

BY REP. FRAN HEAD

This week I would like to focus on some of the initiatives contained within the proposed state budget, and how our state can eliminate the income.

As it is now, I believe that the tax code in our state is outdated, and presents a real opportunity to make changes which will benefit small businesses, veterans, and senior citizens.

Maine is one of only two states with negative population growth, and I suspect Oxford County is one of the oldest in the state. For this reason, I believe that lowering the income tax (with the goal of eventual elimination) could very well be exactly what we need to attract new businesses to expand here.

Many of my constituents have asked me about the proposed state budget. I am supportive of the reduction of income tax rates, as well as the proposed repeal of the estate tax. In addition, I agree that military pensions should be exempt from the income tax.

These proposals are commendable, and I look forward to keeping my constituents updated on the progress which is made in these efforts throughout the legislative session. There is certainly more work to be done, and many questions remain unanswered as to how to best pay for the proposed tax cuts.

The Bangor Daily News recently reported that Gov. Paul LePage is planning a statewide ballot measure next year which could amend the constitution in order to eliminate the income tax. I'll be very interested to see how far this proposal gets, and look forward to supporting ways to make Maine more competitive regionally.

The seven states with no income tax are Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming. Tennessee and New Hampshire have no income tax on wages but do tax interest and dividends. If voters decide to pass the proposed ballot measure, Maine would become the 10th state in the union to have no income tax. What we're proposing is to let people decide how to spend their own money.

Eliminating the income tax entirely may serve as the change we need to make Maine competitive again. The proposal is definitely worth exploring further, I think we should let the people decide by passing a constitutional amendment. This way, we allow the people of Maine to choose how they will be taxed.

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN
NICKERSON

10 years ago: Gould Academy's Student Art Show of featuring pottery, ironworks, paintings and photography was on display in the Owen Art Gallery.

A large crowd enjoyed the concert presented by the Mahoosuc Community Band at the West Parish Congregational Church.

Deaths: Fillmore "Bud" Clough, Kathleen P. Grover, Leonard A. Pierce.

20 years ago: Telstar senior Todd Wing broke the school's high jump record, set by Scott Haines in 1987, with a jump of six feet, four inches, surpassing the previous record by three inches.

The Mountain Bike Park at Sunday River was advertising season passes for \$150.

Births: Maxim Mark Kendall, Lauren Christine Barker, Forest Liam Alexander Stearns.

Deaths: Marie Rose Dube, Norine A. Kujala, Leland E. Farr.

30 years ago: The Redwood Motel (originally the Red Rooster Motel) was moved from Route 2 in Bethel to a site near Pleasant River Campground in West Bethel.

Charter Members Gladys Cross, Sarah Stevens and Emily Saunders were honored at the annual banquet of the Bethel Senior Citizens at the Sunday River Inn.

Deaths: Francis E. "Red" Noyes, Terry Lee Gordon.

40 years ago: Debbie Wheeler was selected as Miss Poppy of the Mundt-Allen Unit, Bethel, and Lori Ann Patten was the Poppy Girl of Jackson-Silver Unit, Locke's Mills.

Miss Lottie Butters was appointed manager of the Sudbury Inn.

Births: Benjamin Scott Tyler, Katherine Ann Hutchins, Rebecca Frances Kuzyk.

Deaths: Gerald A. Walker, Edwin H. York.

50 years ago: The Crescent Park School spring concert, "A Visit to the Museum," was a tremendous success.

Susan Vogt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vogt, was selected as "Miss Poppy 1965."

Deaths: Percy Ray Taylor, Mrs. Florence S. Brown, Bethany F. Freeman.

60 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall sold their home at the corner of High and Elm Street to Gould Academy.

Police reported that several speakers had been stolen from the Rumford Drive-In Theater.

Birth: Alicia LePage.

Deaths: Mrs. Etta May Peterkin, Mrs. Hazel M. Cash.

70 years ago: From one to three feet of heavy snow covered Bethel and vicinity. There was much damage to power and telephone lines. Snow removal equipment was in storage so highway traffic was hampered.

Maine's quota in the Seventh War Loan was announced as \$56,000,000.

80 years ago: Herbert R. Bean was elected principal of Old Orchard High School.

Sandy MacDonald, famous imitator of Harry Lauder, was heard on a musical program at Gould Academy.

90 years ago: The senior class at Gould Academy presented the play "Little Women" in the William Bingham Gymnasium.

Charles S. Weeks, a crippled man from Madison, N.H., was struck and killed by a Grand Trunk passenger train at Gilead.

Death: Mrs. Mary K. Hutchinson.

110 years ago: President Chase of Bates College was to deliver the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class of Gould's Academy.

Miss L.C. Hall sold her entire stock of goods to Mr. Edward King, and closed her store.

Death: Deacon Henry Wight, Fred Foster Kendall.

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From the Woodstock Town Manager

BY VERN MAXFIELD

The Town of Woodstock will be holding a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday May 19, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of asking the voters if they would consider purchasing a 2016 Freightliner Pumper/ tanker to replace the 1987 Fire truck pumper.

This has come about at an unfortunate time. The truck that this will replace failed certification testing in mid- March of this year, too late for us to get this on the annual Town Meeting warrant. In order for this truck to regain its certification, it would require a minimum of \$48,000 worth of repairs.

Fire Chief Kyle Hopps and his officers have worked along with the Selectmen to determine which option to select with regard to the replacement. Several options were explored and in the end the decision was made to recommend a lease-purchase option for a new truck and to make a \$90,000 down payment from the reserve fund, followed by five annual payments of \$28,047. Based on a 25 year life span, this truck would cost the town \$8,758 per year to purchase. The 1987 truck has cost \$7,000 per year based on its 5 year service to the town considering its \$35,000 purchase price. A major plus for this new truck is having a lifetime warranty on the truck body and tank, 10 year on the paint and 5 to 6 year warranty on the truck's major engine and pump components.

Most similar used trucks that are for sale are averaging a minimum of \$70,000, with these used trucks being at least 18 years old. At this price and at an expected life span of 7 years for a used truck, the price per year for a used purchase would be \$10,000. The new 2016 Freightliner that the fire department is looking to purchase, at the recommendation of the selectmen, is a pumper as well as a tanker. This truck will offer our town and our neighboring towns an additional tanker to help bring more water to the scene of a fire. This truck can also operate as an attack engine and will be outfitted with various hoses and supplies using existing supplies from the 1987 truck.

This is a lot of information, but we wanted you to have the facts before casting your vote. We hope you will come to the Special Town meeting on May 19. If you have questions please give me a call at the Woodstock Town Office at 665-2668.

From State Sen. John Patrick

A Better Deal for Maine

One of the most important tasks taken up by the Legislature is the crafting and passing of a two-year budget. The state's budget is more than just dollars and cents. It's a document that should reflect our values and priorities, and through investments, it should chart out a course for prosperity.

Over the past couple of months, there's been significant debate about Gov. Paul LePage's proposed budget, in particular his recommended changes to the tax code.

While I commend Governor LePage for joining the much-needed conversation on tax reform, it became clear through the dozens of public hearings, that his priorities are out of step with the needs of Maine people.

Last week, Democrats presented a counterproposal to Gov. LePage's \$6.5 billion budget. We offered a better deal for Maine families and a better deal for Maine communities. Dozens of public hearings have been held at the State House and in towns across the state. The message we are heard from the public is that the LePage plan largely benefits the wealthy and big corporations and is less fair to the rest of us.

While I appreciate that Gov. LePage has joined the much-needed conversation on tax reform and I agree with him that our archaic tax code is one of the things holding Maine back, his approach is out of step with the needs of Maine people.

Last week, Democrats released the "Better Deal for Maine" budget, a counterproposal to Gov. LePage's plan.

The Better Deal for Maine plan invests in middle-class economics: our plan allows more Mainers to keep more of their hard-earned money. It lowers property taxes for all Maine homeowners. And, rather than shifting the tax burden on to our communities, as proposed by Gov. LePage, our plan asks non-residents, the top income-earners, and corporations to pay their fair share.

Here's how the Better Deal for Maine stacks up to the LePage plan:

The Better Deal cuts property taxes for all Maine homeowners. The LePage plan eliminates the Homestead Exemption for everyone—except those over the age of 65. The Better Deal doubles the Homestead Exemption to \$20,000 for all Maine homeowners—regardless of age.

This means, for folks living in a town with an average mill rate of 15, they will see a property tax cut of \$300, compared to \$0 under the LePage plan.

Additionally, the Better Deal increases the Property Tax Fairness Credit—up to \$1,500 per qualifying homeowner.

Together, these property tax measures will save Maine residents \$120 million per year.

The Better Deal cuts income taxes. While the LePage plan favors top income earners by giving 50 percent of his tax cut to only the top 10% wage earners (individuals with taxable income more than \$134,000), the Better Deal directs 98% of income tax breaks to the bottom 95%.

Under the Better Deal for Maine, individuals with an average income of \$47,000 will see an average tax cut of \$191, compared to the LePage plan where they will see an overall average tax cut of \$24.

Under the Better Deal for Maine, individuals with an average income of \$72,000 will see an average cut of \$169, compared to the LePage plan where they will see an overall average tax cut of \$93.

The Better Deal prevents property tax spikes. The LePage plan slashes and then eliminates revenue sharing completely by 2017—causing our towns to either cut essential services or raise property taxes—or do both. The Better Deal actually increases revenue sharing to \$80 million each year so that our communities can pay for local services like police, fire, and public works, and will not be forced to hike up property taxes to pay for essential services.

The Better Deal does not tax non-profits. The governor creates a new tax on non-profits.

The Better Deal does not raise the sales tax rate. While the Better Deal adopts the sales tax broadening plan as proposed by the governor, the Better Deal keeps the sales tax rate at 5.5 percent—unlike the LePage plan that raises the sales tax to 6.5 percent.

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I encourage you to read more about our plan at <http://betterdeal.me/> and if you have any questions, I'd be happy to hear from you by phone at 364-7666 or by e-mail senjohnpatrick14@gmail.com

SAD 44

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SAD 44 Special Education Teacher Dee Robinson was appointed to the District Steering Committee for the TIF4 grant, taking the place of former TMS Guidance Counselor Richard Curley, who resigned in March.

Murphy said TMS Language Arts Teacher Lindsay Luetje had indicated interest in serving as the TMS TIF facilitator for the 2015-16 school year. She will replace former TMS Special Education Teacher Cindy Savage, who held the position before resigning this year.

Duncan McFarland, part-time elementary instrumental music teacher, was appointed to a second-year probationary contract.

Appointed to third-year probationary contracts were Jennifer Boles, elementary art; Heath Booth, TMS math; Michelle Brown, TMS/TMS social worker; and Autumn

Gregory, TMS language arts.

The following staff were appointed to continuing contracts from third probationary contracts: Debra Borchart, district speech pathologist; Erin Crockett, Crescent Park School kindergarten teacher; Jim Rose, TMS math teacher; and Megan Smith, who currently teaches kindergarten and first grade at AES but will remain with SAD 44 next year.

Maine teachers are appointed to probationary contracts, based on regular evaluations and recommendations from building principals, for the first three years of their careers, before becoming eligible for appointment to continuing contracts.

The board also approved the nomination of Karen Thurston, Andover Elementary School teacher, to be appointed by the Andover School Committee to a con-

tinuing contract for the 2015-16 school year, subject to her employment by the new Andover School District.

Murphy told the board that the Andover School Committee has not yet hired a superintendent, but requested that Thurston's contract be approved by the SAD 44 board as a signal to both Thurston and the Andover School District of their intention to employ her.

In other business, the School Board set the date for the annual District Budget Meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, May 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Telstar.

District towns will vote on the budget referendum at the polls on Tuesday, June 9.

Bike

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seconded it.

"No one is trying to beat up the bicycle community," said Bennett. "But there's been an awful lot of talk about the safety issue."

He said dump trucks driving on the North Road, for example, must sometimes follow bicyclists slowly for over two miles without being able to pass.

"It's a situation that unfortunately is going to lead to some road rage, I'm terribly afraid," he said. "It's about making it safe for everyone."

He suggested signs that might emphasize single file cycling in some areas.

Selectman Peter Southam, who is also the head cycling coach for Gould Academy, agreed that bicyclists should not be "all over the place."

But, he said, it is practice for cyclists to switch leads "every 30 seconds to a minute. That's the way bicycles work. If they're not, they're not doing it right."

He also said some vehicles "blow by" his cyclists at 55 miles an hour, instead of slowing to match their speed before passing. He said he has seen drivers nearly collide head on with oncoming vehicles in such situations.

Southam also likened the problems to a motorist coming up behind another slow motor vehicle. "I've never seen a slow driver move over for me," he said. "It's exactly the same situation. Grandma going to church is exactly the same as a bicycle."

He said he believed that cyclists do have the right to the entire lane.

Southam voted against reconsidering the signs vote. Discussion on the issue was postponed until the next board meeting, on May 26.

[Note: According to the Maine Bicycle Laws posted on the Maine Department of Transportation website and dated 2015, "Bicycles are expected to ride on the right as far as is 'practicable,' but there is a variety of situations in which a rider may legally take a larger share of the travel lane, including: setting up for a left turn, proceeding straight where a right turn is also permitted, passing other vehicles, and to avoid obstacles or other unsafe situations."]

Trailer

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allowance for "sandwich" signs for businesses from one to two. That, he said, "is more in line with what people are doing, that doesn't seem to upset people. At least half the businesses have, at one point or another, more than one. A lot of businesses like two."

His other recommended changes include: changing the ways that nonconforming structures can be expanded to allow more flexibility; and repealing the Shoreland Zoning requirements on timber harvesting in those areas in favor of adopting the state law.

By going with the state law, he said, the Forest Service would have the authority over harvests in Bethel. "They are much better qualified to make rulings than I am," he said.

The public hearing on the proposed changes starts at 7 p.m. at the Town Office.

Coach

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to offer them.

But Landes said she believes paying "should be standard across the board," noting that the practice can get confusing, for instance, when a coach has a "significant other" with children.

She suggested that if the practice continues, the board should "set something

in place" spelling out the circumstances more clearly.

Bennett said he supported asking all parents to pay. "If you're into it and you want to coach and you want to help the kids, if I had a son who wanted to play, I'd feel like I should throw my fair share in," he said.

Selectman Peter Southam

wondered if the town might simply pay coaches a \$35 stipend.

But, said Scanlon, "We don't want to go down that road."

The board decided to wait until the next meeting, on May 26, to make a decision in order to give it more thought and possibly get informal public input.

Building Life Safety checks are not enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Warden and Fire Chief Mike Jodrey told selectmen Monday they are ready with a form to use when they embark on their informal effort to help Bethel businesses comply with the state Life Safety Code.

The two raised the subject earlier this year as a way to try to avoid potential situations as the fatal fire that took place in Portland last fall.

"We'll call [Bethel businesses] to see if they will let us come in as voluntary," said Warden.

Added Jodrey, "We want to stress this is not an enforcement." He said they had had a couple of calls from businesses "in panic mode." "We're not going to turn you in and shut you down. This is we're trying to work with people to make them safer. This is not a hostile inspection."

Said Warden, "It's a lot easier to discuss potential issues than discuss 'why' afterward."

Asked if he would like to see the practice turn into enforcement eventually, Warden said, "Perhaps in the future, if it's well received. Personally, I wouldn't mind. One of my responsibilities is to enforce the Life Safety Code, but at this time that's not what we're going for. We're not trying to start a fight with businesses."

Other business Among other business items at Monday's meeting, selectmen: approved a new law enforcement contract with the Oxford County Sheriff's Department and authorized Town Manager Christine Landes to sign it; approved Angevine Park,



FLUORIDE HEARING—About 10 people turned out for Monday's public hearing on whether Bethel should continue to put fluoride in its drinking water. Here, dental hygienist Joanne Moulton presents information. Residents will vote June 9 by referendum on the issue.

D. Bennett

Davis Park, Skateboard Park, Pathways and the Mt. Will parking lot as Tobacco Free Zones; approved an extension of a lease for two years for Maine Energy Systems at the GMM building; approved waiving the bid process to replace the Smith Farm Bridge in West Bethel/Mason in order to go with engineer Jim Sysko's estimated cost of \$65,000 for the project, to be shared with the county, rather than a total cost

of \$300,000 if the state is involved; approved an all-inclusive ambulance rate, the use of a collections agency to collect ambulance bills, as well as a collection/waiver policy; approved a backup ambulance service contract with Shelburne, N.H.

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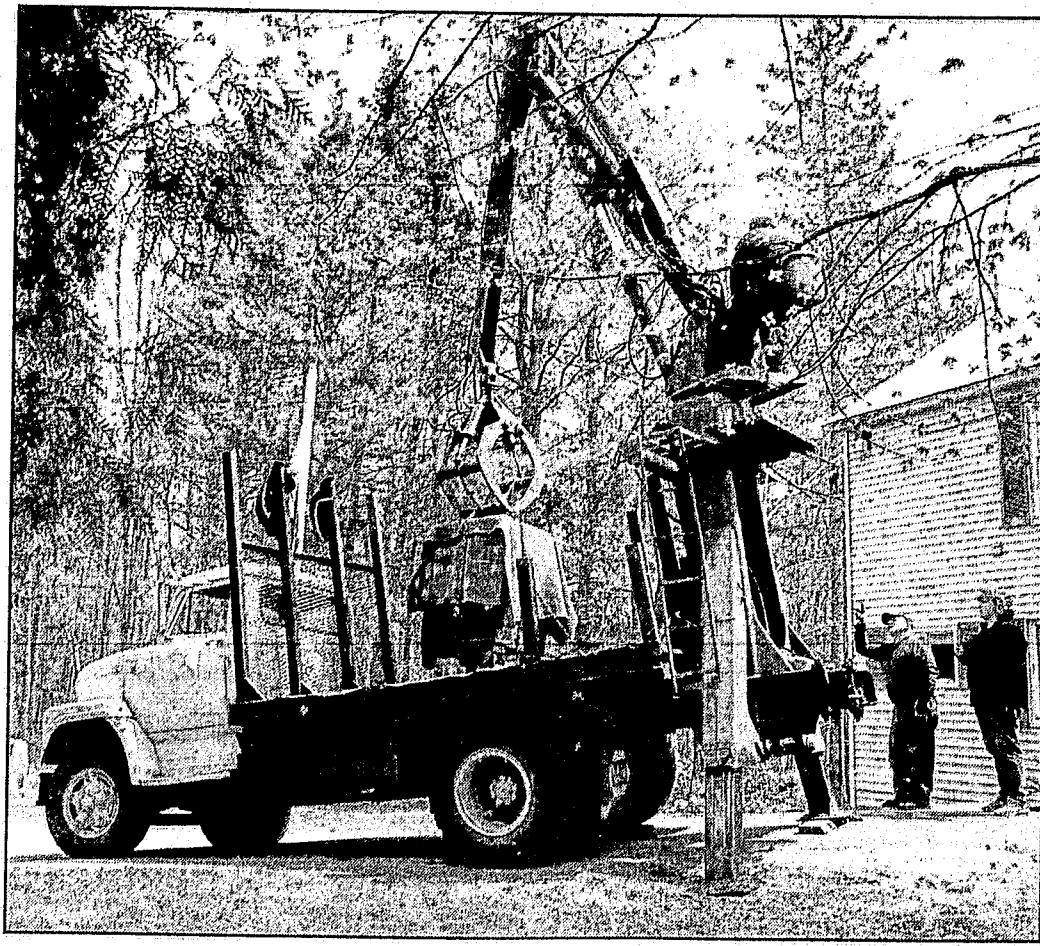
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An old 900-pound safe was removed from the Hanover Town Office on Saturday. Quentin Tyler of East Bethel operated a pulper loader to assist with the operation. Kelly Harrington, Hanover Town Clerk, oversaw the move, assisted by Buster Chase and her three children Keith, Victoria and Cory. Above, a closeup of the safe. For more on the operation, see the Hanover town column. *M. Holloway*



Veggie

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chanic Street, since 2013. Her involvement in growing food began after she joined the Bethel Garden Club a few years ago.

It was Garden Club President Lida Iles who suggested Moran watch a TED Talks video about a movement in northern England to turn a town into a lush series of vegetable garden plots.

"A few people got together—they didn't ask permission, they just did it," Moran said of the project in Todmorden, West Yorkshire. "They planted some vegetables, some corn stalks in front of the post office, some lettuce here and there."

"And what it turned into was this wonderful 'vegie tourism.' People started to come just to tour the paths. It ended up being a great supporter of the local farms."

Bridging the generations

Moran said her own first two years of gardening have been very successful, and not only because of the quantity of food she has been able to produce and share.

"I've met so many people in town because they were coming to visit the garden," she said. "I had some of the seniors coming over and telling me about their [World War II] Victory Gardens. It's become a wonderful bridge, a nice form of community involvement, and we're hoping to see that really grow."

She said Iles enlisted the help of her husband, Bob, and his group of mostly senior woodworking volunteers, the Congo Craftsmen, to build planter boxes for several businesses that wanted to participate in Edible Bethel but do not have a patch of ground to use for a garden.

Children, too, have visited Moran's garden, some with their families, others as part of the Mahosuc Kids after-school program.

For some of the kids, it has offered the first chance to draw a link between plants in a garden and the food on their plates.

"When the kids can see what's growing right there on the sidewalk, they get really excited," Moran said.

When Kelly's Local Food Connection took over leadership of the GOT Farms program, she added a monthly cooking class that

bridges the generations by encouraging community volunteers to work with the kids to create healthy snacks and meals.

"I went to culinary school in San Francisco and worked in a bunch of fine dining restaurants, so [cooking] is a huge element of pretty much everything I do," she said.

Classes are held in the kitchen of the Bethel Alliance Church, and leftover food is donated to the church's community supper.

GOT Farms has also signed on to provide one breakfast and one dinner for the 350 or more bicyclists who will come through Bethel as part of the Bike Maine tour in September.

"I think it's really great for older folks to model this behavior for young people," Kelly said of volunteers who help with growing and cooking food.

"Once they get it into their heads that this is the way they're supposed to eat, and they start gardening—which is super fun—they really want to do it, and that will carry on to future generations."

Local, organic, or both?
Participants debated several questions prepared by Moran and Kelly, including whether it is more important to choose food that is local, or organic.

Most said that while the certified organic label offers reassurance when shopping in a large supermarket, it is less critical when purchasing locally-grown foods from small independent producers.

"Not every producer in our community is [certified] organic," Kelly said. "It's actually a really expensive process to be certified organic."

Although Rosemary Laban said she looks for organic foods in a supermarket, it seems less crucial when she buys locally, because most small local producers are not using pesticides on their crops.

Bonnie Pooley said eating food that is grown organically is very important to her, but added, "I'm trying to eat local foods whenever I can, and support local farmers. I don't ask them if they're certified organic, because I know what the process is, and most of them are growing pretty sustainably without being certified."

Another important term to consider when shopping for food is "seasonal," said Jean Bass.

"When I'm in the supermarket in November and I see asparagus, I think, where in the world did anybody get asparagus at this time of the year?" she said. "What did they have to do to plant and grow and ship it?"

Moran said the distance that food has to travel is an important consideration,

both because of the fossil fuel consumption required to transport it and because it can take a long time in shipment.

"The food is aging while it's on the truck," she said.

"It sounds like we're saying that local is key, for several reasons," said Steve Wight, who noted that buying local foods helps the local economy, gives reasonable assurance that our food is fresh and sustainably grown, and reduces the amount of fossil fuel needed to get it to market.

Making it affordable and available
Laban said she is concerned that the relatively higher prices of locally grown foods might put them out of reach for many on a budget.

One important goal of the Edible Bethel project is to make local food affordable, or even free, for those who need it, responded Moran. Produce from the Nabos garden is distributed monthly during the growing season through the local food pantry. In between, the return of a free produce table started last summer by the Rotary Club at Bud Kulik's Elm Street garage will allow local growers to share their surplus with others for free.

"It's like a 24-hour free vegetable stand," said Moran, who added that Kelly is also working with residents of the Bethel Park Apartments to start a garden at their own complex.

Education is a big part of the process, she stressed. As people begin to eat more fresh produce, they may change their spending habits to purchase healthier foods in place of typical snack foods like candy and chips. These healthier choices will ultimately reduce health care costs for everyone.

"So we're talking long-term money vs. short-term money," she said.

Pooley noted that joining the Boondocks Buying Club is another way to gain access to local foods.

"I have been just thrilled with the food that comes in all 12 months of the year," she said.

Brendon Bass suggested that encouraging the growing of more food locally can be a hedge against rising prices and a reduced supply of foods grown elsewhere.

Moran and Kelly agreed, saying people have already noticed rising prices of food grown in drought-stricken California, which could make locally-grown produce a more affordable option.

Spreading the word
Kelly said a Telstar student who is competing for a college scholarship is designing a phone app that will guide people through

the Edible Bethel gardens and let them know what produce is available for sampling at each location.

For those who prefer to rely on traditional signage, the students in the GOT Farms program are creating signs to direct visitors to the downtown garden plots.

"One reason we're here today is to figure out how to reach all the different subgroups of this community," said Kelly.

Lida Iles said the Mahosuc Kids after-school program is helping to design a brochure for a self-guided tour of the gardens.

Other suggestions from the group for publicity included providing businesses with window stickers featuring the program logo to indicate that they are participating in the program, and distributing special Edible Bethel watering cans to be used by volunteers who can help out by "adopting" garden plots and keeping them weeded and watered.

As the Edible Bethel website says, "Show us a patch of weeds, and we'll show you a spot to grow food."

For more information, visit www.ediblebethel.com or find any of the local food initiatives mentioned in this story on Facebook.

WES recognizes students, volunteers



Carrie Hopps, left, was honored as a Woodstock Elementary School Volunteer of the Year during Thursday night's Volunteer Recognition Dinner. Her name was engraved on the plaque she holds. She also received the hanging pot of petunias held by fifth-grade teacher Tonya Prentiss.

T. Karkos

BY TERRY KARKOS, SUN MEDIA

About 100 children and their teachers at Woodstock Elementary School continued a yearslong tradition last Friday of students recognizing their peers.

First-grade students opened what's called the Friday Meeting assembly by revealing what they've learned this week at the school.

The school has 87 students in grades kindergarten through five.

"Each class takes a turn (doing presentations) each Friday," school secretary Cindy Bobbe of Woodstock said. "It's an all-school thing that's great in so many ways, because it teaches the children to be a great audience and to be comfortable while in front of people and speaking on stage."

The first-graders "presented information about what they learned, sometimes in (theater) play form and sometimes in song form," Bobbe said. "It's been a longtime Woodstock tradition for many years."

Following the first-grade class, groups of students performed interactive play-acting by encouraging peer audience participation, including comically raising their voices when the audience was misbehaving.

The students on stage read names of students being recognized either for Student of the Week, or having a birthday in May, or for achieving some special distinction.

Several parents sitting in chairs behind the children seated on the carpeted floor in the gym, erupted in applause with each recognition.

Among the students honored were fourth-grader David Goodwin, Gabrielle Groves and Nikolas Smith who were recognized by their teacher, Karen Wilson, for their first, second- and third-place finishes in this week's New England Mineral Conference digital poster contest. On Youth Education Day on Friday they attended the conference, held through Sunday, at Sunday River Resort.

Wilson said Goodwin took third place, winning a large quartz crystal; Groves took second place "and got a beautiful quartz crystal and a mineralogy book," and Smith won first place and a rockhounding week at the University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center in Bryant Pond village.

In other school news, four school volunteers were honored by Teaching Principal Jolene Littlehale during last Thursday night's Volunteer Recognition Dinner at the school. Jamie Hastings, Carrie Hopps and Clint Wakefield were present to accept their Volunteer of the Year gifts, and Rebecca Diaz was recognized during the student assembly.

"It's the volunteers that help make this school what it is," Bobbe said. "Jolene said she doesn't refer to this school and its volunteers as the Woodstock School. She refers to it as the Woodstock Elementary School family."

Town News

Bethel

By Don Bennett



Anything Goes - There's No Business Like Show Business

Telstar's dramatic productions did it again. What a great show! Besides being so entertaining, it was so professionally done - acting, music (Cole Porter no less), singing, the orchestra, lighting and audio plus another super job in the simple but so effective stage sets. One must agree that instead of just "Anything Goes," Telstar's team can do just about anything on stage and do it so well. Overall a tremendously entertaining performance but Kathy and I have to give our "Oscars" to Chris Figaratto for his performance as Moonface the hood and to Aislinn Forbes for her acting and fantastic singing.

Memorial Day Poster Display - Remember Our Lost Veterans

This week Bethel's American Legion Auxiliary members were mounting "remember our lost veterans" posters in the Post Office windows. Jeri Greenwell told me that Crescent Park School Principal Levi Brown was the poster campaign booster at the school and his results looked great. He had been watching the posters going up on the windows when I took photos of the stu-

dents' work. Poster themes were very poignant - examples Poppies Are American Fallen Souls; Save Those Who Saved Us; Stay Strong Like They Stayed Strong; and Hope Through Poppies.

Coleman Concrete

If you had had my experience when I was 12 of running a portable cement mixer one bag of cement plus measured sand and water at a time to pour the concrete foundation for our hoped for new dairy barn, then you would appreciate Coleman Concrete. Coleman has been an instrumental next step following excavation in constructing most of the new homes in the Bethel area. Now that the snow has gone and weight limit signs on roads have come down, building and concrete demand activity picks up. Wednesday two trucks were loading and departing from the Bethel plant when I was there. One, was headed for Brighton. Coleman has already delivered some concrete to the foundation of beginning construction of the Family Dollar store. They also expect to be providing concrete to the planned rehab of the Androscoggin River Bridge which has now been put off until next year.

Maine Mineral and Gem Museum Store is Open

Main Street's new Maine Mineral and Gem Museum has opened its store along with selected museum dis-

plays in the store area on a preview basis. The store hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The store section has both mineral, gem and souvenir items for purchase to the left and center on entering the building. On the right there are museum displays of items in wall and standing display cases. These displays cover specimens from meteorites, the Bumpus Mine, Maine in general, Newry and Mt. Mica. Also among the store offerings are serious books such as Hubble's Universe - Greatest Discoveries and Latest Images as well as a lighter side: gifts, souvenirs and casuals - T-shirts like "Dig Me."

Talking Art and Family History

This week I had two inquiries to answer: one was about the Morgan family who had lived in East Bethel during the 19th century. A lady in California, who is a Morgan descendant, was looking for more local Bethel information about this Morgan family. The 1880 Bethel map shows that they had lived on the East Bethel Road not far from Bean's Corner and near the Bartlett farm. Eva Bean's "East Bethel Road" described the site.

Question two came from a member of the Hyde Park, Mass., Historical Society and concerned painter John J. Enneking's activities in Maine. Enneking had stayed and painted in North Newry, also near the bridge we know as Artist Bridge and had stayed occasionally at the Locke House (Locke Mountain House) in Bethel's Sunday River valley traveling on to the White Mountains. The artist lived in Hyde Park and died in 1916; the Historical Society is gathering materials for a memorial to note the 100th anniversary of his passing on Nov. 16, 1916. There will be an exhibition

Notice of Public Hearing

The Woodstock Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to MRSA Title 23 sub. 2953 (2), on Tuesday May 19, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Woodstock Town Office Conference Room to hear discussion and take comments on the proposed closing of certain roads to winter maintenance. Those roads or sections thereof are as follows:

1. The Granite Ledge Road from Turbine Way Road to Redding Road.
3. From the Warren Hillquist property, at 121 Ricker Hill Road, north to the end of the road.

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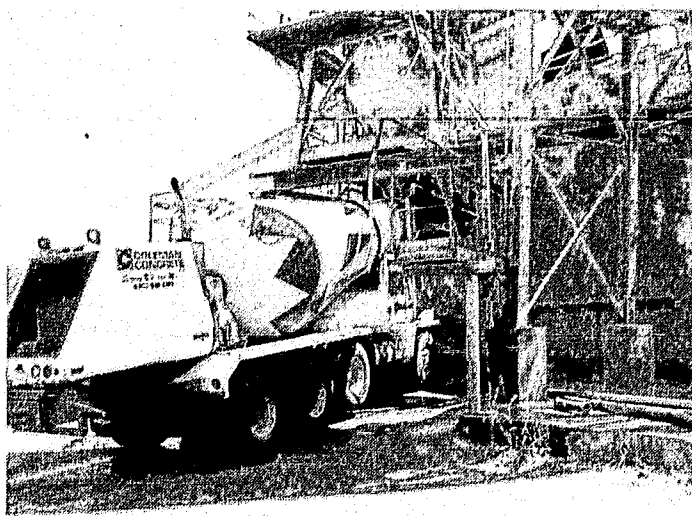
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of his works at the University of Massachusetts, Boston Harbor Campus. Mrs. Enneking was born in Corrina. Enneking became known as the "Sunset Painter" using impressionist style. His local works included A Summer Afternoon on the Androscoggin, Wight's Brook (now known for its Step Falls but they are not in his painting), Trout Brook, Saddle Back Mountain and Chocorua Mountain. For more about Enneking see <http://www.thebetheljournal.com/Names/Enneking.htm>.

Sunday River, Mrs. R. M. Fleet, Correspondent, The Bethel Citizen, July 31, 1980.

Julia Fleet was honored at Newry's celebration of its 175th anniversary. Newry's oldest resident, she was born in Waterville, Feb. 8, 1897. She was a news writer for the Bethel Citizen, the Norway Advertiser and Rumford Falls Times for over 30 years. Her comments about local people were informative and colorful. For many years she operated a weather station for the Times. Mrs. Fleet attended school in Gorham, graduating from Gorham High School. She started teaching immediately, furthering her education by taking summer courses at Gorham State Teachers College, and Farmington Teachers College. She recalled teaching at Streaked Mountain, South Paris, Waldoboro, Wilson's Mills, Magalloway, Bolsters Mills and Sunday River, Newry.

In the Sunday River of the 1940s, hunting, logging and trapping were the some of the more exciting events. The Fleet's house stood between the road to Ketchum and the river. Her grandson Alan told me when the drive came down the river in the spring, men handling the drive often stopped for lunch when the drive had reached the Fleet's house.



Coleman Concrete at work.

Don Bennett

Bethel

By Nancy Brown



Before Memorial Day the local American Legion post will place new American flags on the graves of 800 veterans in 20 local cemeteries. On Saturday, May 9, Norm and Sylvia Clanton were at the Grover Hill Cemetery and a young man asked if he could help them. Evan Leach, a ten-year old student at Crescent Park School, helped them locate veterans' graves, pick up the old flags, and place the new flags on the graves. I attended the musical production "Anything Goes" at Telstar Regional High School on opening night, May 7. The show was filled with Cole Porter songs, dance numbers and some pithy 1930s dialogue. The play was first produced in 1934 and this version was based on the 1962 Off-Broadway revival. The opening night audience gave the cast and crew a standing ovation. One of the signs of a memorable performance is that you are still singing the songs a few days later, and I was. The stage set, two decks of the ocean liner "SS Ameri-

can," by Tom Gallagher and Fred Johnson, also deserved a standing ovation.

The final event in the "Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War" project is a dramatic stage presentation of "My Dear Absent Husband," which will be performed on Sunday, May 17, at 4 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium. This performance is a unique opportunity for us to learn about our local area during the Civil War. The play is based on letters written between an Upton, Maine, Civil War private and his family. This will be the first public performance of the letters. In addition to the play, the Maine Music Society Chamber Singers, directed by Dr. John Corrie of Bates College, will perform "Songs of the Civil War" in two sets. This is the finale of the year-long project of book discussions, lectures, and films that was sponsored by Gould Academy, the Bethel Historical Society, and the Bethel Library. The project was funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and awarded by the Maine Historical Society and the



The 'Anything Goes' cast takes a curtain call. From left: Moonface Martin (Chris Figaratto); Bonnie (Savannah Vermette); Billy Crocker (Kellen True); Hope Harcourt (Regan Kauf); Sir Evelyn Oakleigh (Nick Johnson); Reno Sweeney (Aislinn Forbes).

Don Bennett

Maine Humanities Council.

The wildflowers are starting to pop, including moss pinks, violets (both white and blue), and the tiny dark purple gill-over-the-ground. The wild cherry trees in our back pasture have blossomed, as well as the wild strawberries. I've usually thought that dandelions were some of the first flowers of the spring, but this year they are just starting to open. However, in the next week there should be carpets of dandelions blooming in local fields. This is probably the best time to harvest and eat dandelion greens, while they are still young and tender. Cut them off above the ground and saute them with garlic, onion and olive oil.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brown-nancy1950@gmail.com.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



I hope that all the moms had a great Mother's Day. All my kids made it very special, as usual. Even the weather cooperated and the rain didn't move in till late. Hopefully it will help reduce the fire danger. I had to get a few last minute things Sunday morning and was pleasantly surprised to receive a carnation at the checkout at Hannaford.

Arlene had a very nice Mother's Day and was surprised how many of the family showed up to celebrate with her. Therefore, she and I decided to write down the families, rather than all individuals. There to visit were the Bean family, the Merrill family of Andover, Dory Hallman and friend Carlton, the Coolidge family from Andover, Gloria Crockett and Esther Fuller.

The East Bethel Cemetery Association held its annual meeting on May 4. The officers elected were President Nancy Mercer, Vice President Paul Kimball, Secretary Barbary Honkala and Treasurer Dorothy Bartlett.

The Clean-up Day for the cemetery will be on May 16 with rain day on May 17, starting at 9 a.m.

Gloria Crockett will be in charge of mowing the cemetery with help from two young ladies from Andover.

Here is the new Trivia question: When and for how much was the old town house in Middle Intervale sold?

Was wondering, should we have mock elections for East Bethel again? Please, let me know by calling 507-1008 or e-mailing heinrichcracker@gmail.com.

Sadly, this is the last week of the InnSide Shop. So, please, come and check out the great deals. The less I have to pack and move the better. I will, as promised, keep everyone posted if and

when I find a suitable spot to re-open.

Have a great week.

Andover

By Jane C. Rich



Residents are reminded that the Andover Service Circle has declared May

Town Clean-up Month and are asking residents who go walking to take a plastic bag with them to dispose of trash that is littering our beautiful community. The circle will provide bags and gloves which may be had by calling 392-1020. Even if you are not a walker, you can help by taking care of your own property especially when it abuts a local road.

Congratulations to the Roxbury ATV Club in acquiring a suitable building for a clubhouse in Roxbury Village thanks to Wells Fargo and the Town of Roxbury. The club has made plans for the 2015 riding season with some interesting trips that include the Lee Hodgkins Memorial Poker Run on May 23 with registration at 8 to 10 a.m. at the Roxbury ATV Park and Ride on Roxbury Notch Road. Proceeds from that event will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Maine. Other planned activities include a ride to Mount Washington, the Christmas in July toy ride and a fall foliage ride on Oct. 4. A full listing of proposed club activities can be found in local stores.

The Andover School Board continues to meet on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in the Fire Station. The committees of finance, facilities and transportation as well as food service meet and report weekly. In order to work up a budget meetings primary addressing that issue will take place on May 20, 27 and June 3. The school board has worked long and diligently to provide the best education for our children since we have withdrawn from SAD

OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, May 5

At 7:37 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco responded to Mayville Road in Bethel for a report of a suspicious subject. The subject was gone on arrival.

Saturday, May 9

In a detail from 9 a.m. to noon Deputy Josh Aylward gave out approximately 35 child ID kits at the Crescent Park School in Bethel.

At 5:55 p.m. Cpl. George Cayer conducted a domestic violence followup on a victim in Bethel. Additional information obtained will result in felony charges on a suspect.

Sunday, May 10

At 12:44 a.m. Deputy Dani Welch and Deputy Steve Witham stopped a vehicle on Walkers Mills Road in Bethel, and it was found the minor occupants had been drinking. Summons were issued.

At 10:58 a.m. Deputy Josh Aylward responded to the Sunday River Road in Bethel for a report of an out-of-control juvenile. Further investigation revealed no crime was committed.

Monday, May 11

At 10:10 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney and Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Broad Street in Bethel for a report of a domestic assault. A subject was arrested.

At 3:30 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Telstar High School for a report of the theft of a cell phone.

OCSD Jail Log

May 11, 7:32 a.m.: Francis R. Clark, 24, of Woodstock, DV assault; by Cpl. Justin Brown in Woodstock.

May 11, 12:23 p.m.: Catherine Vogt, 60, of Bethel, DV assault; by Deputy Andy Whitney in Bethel.

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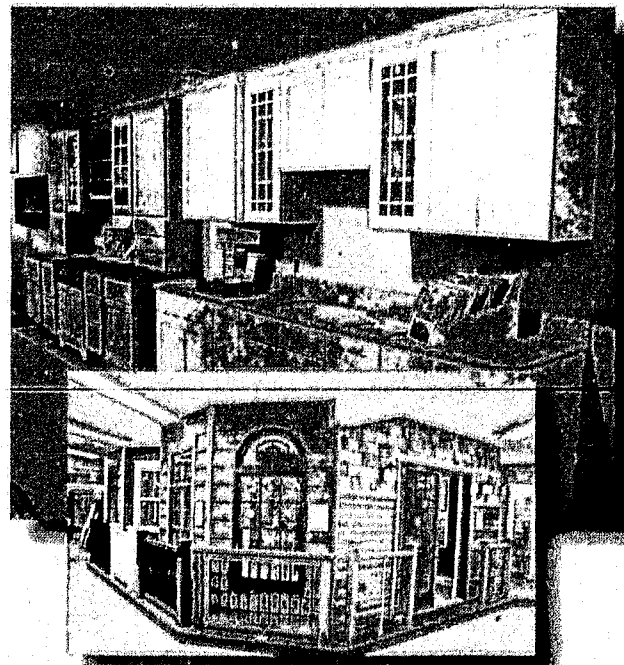
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44 and they are to be congratulated for their dedication to this project. If you want to know what's going on with the school attend one of these meetings.

While the Olde Home Day Committee will not meet until May 21, several things have fallen into place for the celebration in 2015 including the photography contest which once again will be chaired by Ray and Kelly Lyons of Mexico. The garden contest is happening with Ruth and Dusty Hilton as chairs. Thanks to Marshall Meisner, who loves music, and has agreed to take care of providing the music for Friday evening. If you have an interest in Olde Home Day, please come to the meeting on May 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. We're open to new ideas in order to make 2015 the best one yet as we celebrate 35 years.

Graduates of Andover High School and past classes of Telstar are reminded that the Alumni Banquet will be held at the school gym on May 23. Tickets are \$15 and may be had by request to PO Box 64, Andover, Maine 04216.

Word has it that Doug Averill is receiving congratulations on the catching of a 20-inch Brook Trout in one of those secret fisherman holes in the general area of the Rangeley Lakes.

Darlene Akers and Carol Emery are looking for others interested in forming a group to create a "The Andover Edible Mile Square." Where you can walk the Andover mile square and make a salad at the same time! Property owners can choose what they would like to plant and create "their specialty." Join us to decide how we want this to look, plus any other details. If you would like to be part of this fun happening or get more info, contact Carol at 392-3161 or Darlene at 357-3037.

As I'm sitting in my office at the new house and looking out the window at a lilac bush, a Chick-a-Dee is singing away despite the rain drops landing on his head. Everything is greening-up and it is quite beautiful, beautiful enough to have the windows open.

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



Congratulations to Charlie and Lois Howe who celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 3. Best wishes to you both.

Franklin Grange 124 met on Monday, May 4 for a regular meeting. It was voted to put on the Senior Citizens dinner in July. The Mock Hee-Haw Show was reported on and Sharon was thanked for all the work she put into it. Laura was thanked for all the secretarial work. A memorial program was put on by Peter Hammond; the 98th Psalm was read, prayer by Sharon, readings by Alice and Christine, songs played by Laura and Richard and sung were "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Beautiful Garden of Prayer." Next meeting is May 18.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Steve Farnum.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up. Don't forget the Sunday School Carnival on Saturday, May 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. Family fun for all. Horse rides, games, prizes and fair food (hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, etc.) \$5 for 10 tickets. Money goes to the teens' camp fund for tickets to Florida for a week. Come support them. All are invited. Come bring your children for a fun afternoon.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met at the Locke's Mills Church on Thursday, May 7, for their meeting. Dinner was served by the Ladies Circle (very good). Program was Cubby Swan with items he has made or collected. Next meeting will be dinner at the Northland Restaurant in Berlin, N.H.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman



The weather has been great the past few days. Bright and sunny, but not too hot. As I write

this column on Mother's Day, the weather is slowly deteriorating. The sun was shining, but now the clouds have come in and the wind is picking up. It looks like rain will be following shortly. Before I finished, a brief shower passed by and then sunshine again.

My brother, Steve McLain, reports that they are seeing quite a few birds recently at their feeder. There have been Goldfinches, Purple Finches and Cardinals.

Bob and Judy Bishop have been staying at the Grand Summit Hotel in Newry this past week. They stopped by Gilead one day to help clean the historic buildings for the Gilead Historical Society. Hugh has been working on the buildings to get them ready for this summer. After working for a while, we took a ride up Route 113 as far as Hastings Campground to see if the gates were open and they were. Then we went to Gorham, N.H. and had lunch at Mr. Pizze.

One other day, Hugh and I met Bob and Judy in Bethel. After picking up lunch at the Good Food Store, we headed up the Sunday River Road to the Riley/Ketchum area. Hugh had spent a lot of time there with his family at their farmhouse when he was growing up. We stopped at the twin bridges for a while and turned around and went back to the Grand Summit to visit for a little while.

More colorful birds are coming to the feeder. The Evening Grosbeaks have been coming almost every day and making quite a lot of noise. The Hummingbirds have arrived in time for Mother's Day. One day last week, we noticed a bird out back of the house that looked and acted like a robin, but was not the right color. When we looked it up, we found out it was a Wood Thrush. The description stated that the reclusive Wood Thrush had the profile of a Robin, but has a reddish-brown (cinnamon) back with black spots on the front. The bird searches through leaf litter on the forest floor for insects, like a Robin searches for worms.

Alfred and Sharon Leighton did some work on the garden in front of the Town Office this past week.

Chris and Kym Chapman called from Omaha, Neb. to wish me a Happy Mother's Day. Tim, Michele, Ajay and Sidney called in the morning and then stopped by later in the day. They had been out for a drive and stopped for lunch.

Got any news? Call 836-2987

or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Hanover

By Maria Holloway



The Hanover Town Office was a bee hive of activity this past Saturday. The Town's original safe, and an additional "newer," but still very old safe, were both removed from the Town Office without a hitch. Operations were under the supervision of Hanover Town Clerk, Kelly Harrington. The arrival of the new replacement safe was scheduled for this past Monday.

The moving crew included Kelly Harrington, Buster Chase and Keith, Victoria and Cory Harrington. The entire team carefully pushed each of the two safes on wheels to the threshold of the Town Office front door. From there, Quentin Tyler, of East Bethel, expertly hoisted the safes with a pulp loader and within minutes, they were lifted off the ground and into the air and carefully placed on the truck bed. The two safes were taken into temporary storage.

Anyone interested in purchasing either safe should contact Kelly or Ellie at the Town Office. The antique safe, which was manufactured by the E.C. Morris Safe Company of Boston (probably during the late 1800s), is beautifully decorated with gold lettering ("Town of Hanover") and a detailed painted pastoral scene on the door. The Morris safe will be appraised for an estimated value prior to being sold.

The Library Busy Bees have begun preparing the Community Garden for this coming growing season. A load of compost was delivered last week. John Booth has volunteered to till the garden plot for the second year in a row. Thank you, John, for your help. Planting will begin soon. This year's garden will include herbs, veggies and flowers. Anyone interested in working in the garden is welcomed to join in. Once ready for harvest, residents of the Town will be invited to pick whatever they want from the garden.

Plans are underway for the annual Library Fall Festival. Anyone wishing to participate in the planning for this Library fundraiser should stop by the on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. when the Busy Bees are meeting. The committee is seeking some new ideas for children's activities for the Festival and donations of theme baskets and other items for the raffle.

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Last week, Kelly Harrington hosted her dear friend, Stacy Damon, who came to the area for some rest and recreation. Stacy, who resides in Florida, was taken on a whirlwind tour of Northern New England. The girls managed to "flee the country," crossing the Canadian border safely, and without incident, before returning to Maine!

Hummingbird wars have begun! The little birds arrived this week, right on schedule! Like clockwork, their first visit to the sweet nectar feeders every spring is on or around Mother's Day! What a joy to see them – a true sign that spring is here.

The Town Clean-Up Day will not be officially scheduled for this spring although some Hanover residents have already been seen cleaning up litter and fallen branches from the roadsides along Route 2 and Howard Pond Road. If you feel inspired, please do your part to contribute to the beautification of our Town.

Fire danger is still high in Hanover and over most of Western Maine. Please do not leave campfires or brush fires unattended as they are likely to escape and can spread rapidly. Don't forget to acquire a burn permit, too. They are available for free at the Town Office.

News, comments, questions? Please e-mail HanoverMENews@gmail.com.

Locke's Mills

By Amy Wight Chapman



Don't forget that Greenwood's annual Town Meeting is this Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Legion Hall on the Gore Road. We will be voting on the annual town budget, as well as electing one selectman and one school director.

I will be running for a third term on the Board of Selectmen, and I am very happy to report that Norman Millard will be a candidate for a three-year term on the SAD 44 School Board. Thanks so much, Norman, for being willing to fill this important role.

Our family attended the Greenwood Historical Society potluck supper and meeting on Wednesday last week. It was the first meeting of 2015, since the society decided last fall not to hold meetings throughout the winter, and it was good to see so many people in attendance. We are lifetime members and live just around the corner, but I hate to admit that we don't often make it to

the meetings. The next GHS meeting will be on June 3 at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Locke's Mills Union Church, as the program will be on the history of the church.

On Saturday, we attended the Woodstock Historical Society's meeting and decided to join them as lifetime members, too. All of the area historical societies work hard to preserve their collections of artifacts and promote interest in local history.

Our son Will starts a job next month as the librarian/archivist for the Bethel Historical Society, and he is also going to be volunteering to help the Greenwood and Woodstock Historical Societies with their archiving needs, especially with digitizing photos and glass plate negatives. He hopes to eventually create a searchable online database for both societies to use.

Will majored in information and library science in college and has worked at the Auburn Public Library for nearly three years, and the Sabbathday Lake Shaker Library for over a year. He'll continue to work part-time at the Shaker Library when he starts his new job in Bethel.

I hope all the mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and honorary moms out there had a wonderful Mother's Day. I certainly did. I spent it at camp with Tony and three of our kids, and I got to boss everyone around to get much of the annual camp-opening chores done.

I didn't get to see my stepdaughter, Katrina, on Mother's Day, but the beautiful flowers she sent the day before were perfectly timed. They arrived just as I was having a bit of a hissy fit because my oven had quit working – in the middle of baking rolls and bread. Luckily, there was enough heat left in the oven to finish baking them, and I'm still enjoying the flowers. I'll have to figure out what to do about the oven, but as warm as it's been, who wants to do a lot of baking, anyway?

The new single-stream recycling program at the transfer station seems to be off to a great start. I was there on Wednesday, when it was fairly quiet, and again on Saturday, when it was very busy. People seemed to appreciate being able to recycle many more types of plastic than in the past, as well as not having to sort their recyclables into seven or eight different bins. Now that it's so much easier to recycle, if more people are willing to do it, the program will be a success.

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Poppy Poster Winners

Mundt-Allen Unit 81 recently conducted a Poppy Poster contest for all grades at the Crescent Park Elementary School.

Connecting the visual image of the poppy with the sacrifice of service made by our veterans has been an important goal of the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program since its inception in 1921. On Memorial Day and Veterans Day, millions of red crepe paper poppies—all handmade by veterans as part of their therapeutic rehabilitation—are distributed across the country in exchange for donations that

go directly to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans in our communities.

The Poppy Program raises community awareness and respect for our veterans by educating Auxiliary members and the public about the symbol of the poppy, taken from a line in the poem "In Flanders Fields" written on the battlefield during World War I by Lt. Col. John McCrae, M.D.

The Poppy story

From the battlefields of World War I, weary soldiers brought home the memory of a barren landscape transformed by wild poppies, red

as the blood that had soaked the soil. By that miracle of nature, the spirit of their lost comrades lived on.

The poppy became a symbol of the sacrifice of lives in war and represented the hope that none had died in vain. The American Legion Auxiliary poppy has continued to bloom for the casualties of four wars, its petals of paper bound together for veterans by veterans, reminding America each year that the men and women who have served and died for their country deserve to be remembered.

The poppy, as a memorial

flower to the war dead, can be traced to a single individual, Moina Michael. She was so moved by Lt. Col. McCrae's poem, "In Flanders Fields," that she wrote a response:

... the blood of heroes never dies

But lends a luster to the red Of the flower that blooms above the dead

In Flanders' Fields.

On impulse, she bought a bouquet of poppies—all that New York City's Wanamaker's Department Store had—and handed them to businessmen meeting at the New York YMCA where she worked. She asked them to

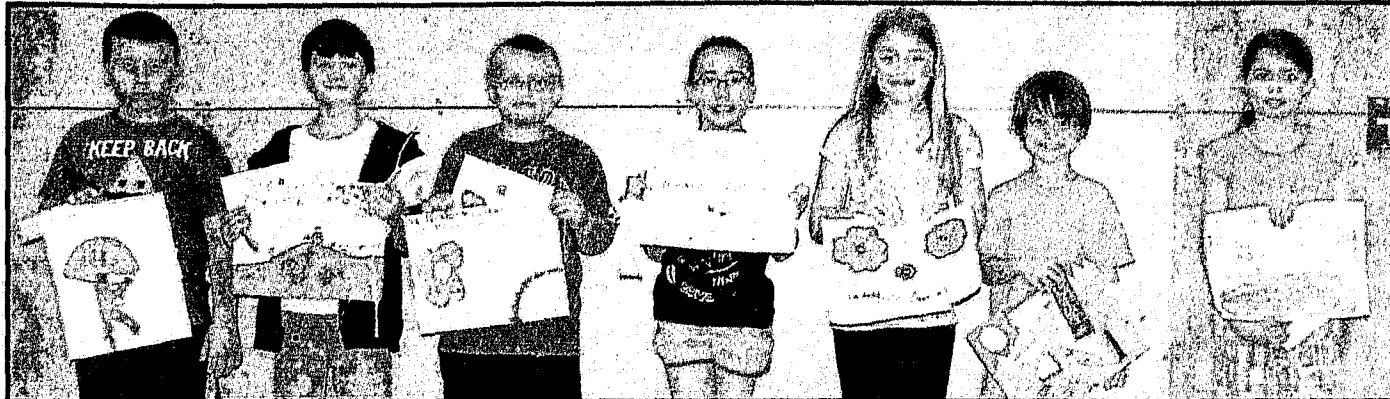
wear the poppy as a tribute to the fallen. That was November, 1918. World War I was over, but America's sons would rest forever "in Flanders' Fields." Later she would spearhead a campaign that would result in the adoption of the poppy as the national symbol of sacrifice.

Poppy Days have become a familiar tradition in almost every American community. This distribution of the bright red memorial flower to the public is one of the oldest and most widely recog-

nized programs of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Since the end of World War I, The American Legion Auxiliary Poppy has continued to bloom for the casualties of four more wars, its petals of paper bound together—for veterans by veterans—reminding America each year that the men and women who have served and died for their country deserve to be remembered.

The CPS posters were judged on appeal, artistic ability and neatness.



POPPY POSTER WINNERS—Logan Martin (holding his brother, Tanner's poster, which received an Honorable Mention), Cyrus Woods (third place, 4th and 5th grade category), Keaton Spiller (second place, 4th and 5th), Chelsea Duclos (first place, 4th and 5th), Makenzie Eliot (third place, 2nd and 3rd grade), Brody Walker (second place, 2nd and 3rd), Olivia Malley (first place, 2nd and 3rd). Posters are on display in the windows of the Bethel Post Office. A. Aloisio



MISS POPPY—This year's Miss Poppy, Emma Chapman (front left), was introduced at a Crescent Park Elementary School assembly last week. Next to her are her brothers, Vincent Chapman and Keaton Spiller. Back: Emma's mother, Tasha, Poppy chairperson Carol Everett, and Emma's grandmother, Macky Chapman. A. Aloisio

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A. Aloisio

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Mason

By Richard Grover



On Mother's Day, we were invited to granddaughter Monica Gordon's for Mother's Day dinner/brunch. All the mothers present Mona, Jane, Monica and Carrie, contributed to the festive Mothers' Day feast. While visiting outside with Tracy, he told me about the white drake (a lot like the Aflac duck in the commercials) who likes to chase their dogs. Most of their four dogs pretty much ignore the duck. But the beagle, Tonka, is afraid of him. Whenever the duck sees Tonks, he lowers his head and begins chasing him all around the yard and surrounding woods until someone calls Tonka and puts him in the house, safe from the duck. Whenever Tonka runs faster than the duck, the duck starts flapping his wings and flies, tip-toe like, to keep up! After we finished eating, someone asked Tracy about the small hole in the screen door. He explained

that Tonka had been left outside one day while everyone else went to school or work. When it started raining, Tonka had scratched a small hole in the screen door. As we were talking, Tonka was inside, near the screen door when the duck spied him. The duck came to the door and started poking his bill at Tonka until he found the hole and stuck his head in, smacking Tonka's face until Tonka bit the end of the duck's bill! After that we all went outside to watch the duck chase Tonka some more while Jane shot some video of the performance! I think it is on Facebook.

Newry

By DOUG WEBSTER



I love this time of the year. The ice is out on the lakes, and the smelts are (were) running. Seeing all the pick-ups with smelting nets hanging out the back, and trucks full of sports that have been waiting all year for the annual pilgrimage to the lakes for the quest for smelts and early fishing. I hope the smelt population remains stable,

so the tradition continues. Good luck to all the sportsmen this season, I hope everybody has a safe season with many a tight line. (Hopefully not because you hooked on the bottom!)

The Newry Cemetery Committee has been busy. The group of volunteers have been cleaning up trees and brush around the perimeter of Newry's cemetery. Last week they tackled the Powers Cemetery. They have been trying to determine some of the boundaries, its amazing how over time property lines tend to get swallowed up. And hard to find due to time past and Mother Nature. According to the state, the towns are responsible for the upkeep of these important pieces of our history. Thanks for volunteering, and all the great work.

I listened to the tape of the selectman's meeting from last week. I was glad to see that Jim Largess brought up the issue of conflict of interest. I had questioned a vote that was taken a couple of weeks ago. Jim disclosed his situation and his standing with the matter. After asking the other selectmen for their opinion, they had some

Mahoosuc Land Trust Ellis River to Whitecap project

In 2007 the Mahoosuc Land Trust, with your help, acquired 750 acres of land on Rumford Whitecap and established the Rumford Whitecap Mountain Preserve. The Preserve includes part of the bald peak with 360 degree views, two trails to the summit and the Black and White Trail linking Black Mountain of Maine to Rumford Whitecap.

Presently the Mahoosuc Land Trust has entered into options and agreements with two landowners to conserve lands which would expand the Whitecap Preserve. The project includes the purchase of 227 acres and a donated conservation easement on 180 acres. The land includes over two miles of frontage on the meandering Ellis River, then rising from the river valley up the slopes of Whitecap Mountain and abutting the 750 acre Rumford Whitecap Mountain Preserve.

Conservation and recreation
The Rumford Whitecap Mountain Preserve is a community asset. It provides outstanding recreational opportunities, supports sustainable and natural resource based economic activity, protects wildlife habitat, sustains the viability of local food systems, and conserves outstanding natural features.

The project will protect and connect two Focus Areas of Statewide Ecological Significance that contain unusually rich concentrations of at-risk species and habitats, by linking the State's largest red pine stand on the summit and the rich biological diversity of the Ellis River Valley. Individually the conservation values on these properties are significant; connecting them amplifies their value and potential substantially. The Preserve will have a scale and diversity of elevation and habitat that will contribute to climate change resilience for important species.

In addition to protecting natural resource values, the project will provide important public access and significant recreational values. The project will secure the trail head and an important section of the trail to the summit of Whitecap Mountain.

tain, provide public access to the Ellis River, and create the opportunity for an expanded loop trail which will link the trail to the summit with an existing trail along the river.

The challenge

To expand the Rumford Whitecap Mountain Preserve, our current goal is to raise \$408,000 to purchase the land and set aside an accompanying stewardship fund. The project has already received a commitment of \$200,000 in matching funds from the Land for Maine's Future Program, which ranked the project first among over 30 projects from across the State.

through grants, preliminary fundraising and pledges, the Land Trust has raised \$132,500. The Mahoosuc Land Trust is planning to raise the remaining \$75,500 through the Ellis River to Whitecap Campaign by July 15, 2015.

All donations are important. Mail and make check payable to Mahoosuc Land Trust, P.O. Box 981, Bethel, ME 04276, or donate on line at www.mahoosuc.org.

good discussion, and decided that he had no financial gain and didn't meet the criteria in that part of the law. I thank them for bringing the subject up, and taking another look at it.

I would like to mention though that there is other criteria pertaining to conflict of interest. The intent of the law seems to ask public officials to try and avoid even an appearance of a conflict of interest when possible. It is not like their is anything wrong with stepping down when one thinks their might be conflict. Actually it is quite the opposite, it's a reassurance to the citizens that public officials will go out of their way to ensure the trust of the people.

The law also stresses that public officials don't meet outside advertised meetings. Meaning that anytime a quorum of officials get together, whether its a select board, planning board, school board, or a committee. That when business is being discussed, the public has a right to know and also be present. I know from being on the planning board, it's easy and more efficient to send an e-mail or a quick phone call to go over some seemingly innocent subject matter. But the law is very adamant about meeting in private without the public's knowledge.

After taking the Freedom of Access Act class, I now understand why it is mandatory for all elected officials to take the class. There is definitely more to doing the public's business than I ever new.

That's all for now.

South Woodstock

By Lolalee Dillingham



Monday, May 11, 9:15 a.m. Good morning dear readers, it's going to be a cooler damp day,

it's only 53 here this morning, but still a nice day. We do need some rain to help cut down on the woods fires and to help bring some much needed moisture to the ground to help the farmers and gardeners with their planting.

We are off in a couple of hours to entertain for the residents in Rumford. It's our day to spend time with them bringing some music and fellowship to their day. Paula, Kirk and I enjoyed a two hour practice last Tuesday afternoon, we got some new songs learned and will be getting the residents involved with the sing-alongs. Condolences are going out to the family of Steve F. Farnum. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of them.

The Relay for Life of Oxford Hills will be having a yard sale on Saturday, May 23 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oxford Advent Christian Church, Route 26 Oxford, just past Walmart. Lots of nice items and a little something for everyone.

What a great day to celebrate all mothers yesterday, it was a beautiful sunny and warm day, a little too warm

for me though... I like the low 70 degrees to around 74 with a nice cool breeze.

Yogi and I drove to the cemetery to place memorial flowers for my mom, after we enjoyed our breakfast with the kids at Crosstone Restaurant, then stopping off at the hardware to pick up a new shepherd's hook for the new flowers I got. Yogi also put up some new plant hangers for me on the garage. Then we finished off the day by spending an hour with the kids at their home in North Norway.

It was nice to get a little rain during the late afternoon an early evening.

The birds are enjoying their new feeders and making very good use of them from early morning to sunset.

I am still anxiously waiting for my orioles to arrive... coaxing them in with fresh oranges and grape jelly. I am sure they will surprise me when I least expect to see them and not have my camera ready.

Thank you Lyn for the news you have been sending me.

The new Daddy O's restaurant is open, we stopped in Saturday morning. We had to wait for eight minutes before we could get a table. I truly think they made a great decision to move closer to town with more parking for their customers.

Well, that's all from the valley this week. Wishing y'all a great and wonderful day.

Upton

By Joe Bernier



Saturday, May 16, some Upton Historical Society members and friends will make the trek to Forest Lodge

for cleanup day. Volunteers are needed. Charlotte is setting up the schedule and carpooling. Please contact her for more information. Her phone number is 533-2061, her e-mail address is pep1dom@megalink.net. The Upton Historical Society will have their monthly meeting Sunday, May 17, 3 p.m. at the school.

The Letter B Notch Riders will gather at the Upton House for a club ride on Saturday, May 30. After the ride, they will again gather at the Upton House for a cook-out. I will give more details for the time schedule, route for the ride and cook-out menu as the details are worked out. The club will have their May meeting at the Upton House, also. The meeting will be Sunday, May 31, 9 a.m.

The fun-filled, exciting week in the paper-mill was all I thought it would be and more.

I enjoy reading bumper stickers. There is quite a variety of them, everything from funny, to political, to bizarre. One of my co-workers has one on his tool box that, by the fifth consecutive 12 hour workday last week, fit the occasion. It read: I had a life, but my job ate it.

Linda, of Paradise Point Cottages, reported that ice out on Umbagog Lake happened Monday, May 4.

My daughter met a mo-

torcycle on Route 26 today in the Bethel area. She was aghast to see that the motorcyclist was texting while driving! Loud pipes won't be able to save that life. That has to be the epitome of stupid.

The Upton Planning Board will hold their May meeting on Friday, the 29th. They will start their workshop meeting at 6:30 p.m. and will begin reviewing building applications at 7.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your Upton area news.

Waterford

By Rockie Graham



We finally got a little rain today (Monday). We sure needed it. The road is dry as a bone and as a result when

a car goes by the dust and sand flies. Gardens need water, too. So we definitely need the rain. So far, it was just a smidgen, so we still need a little more for all those May flowers. It is sure nice to see leaves on trees and some flowers, too. We may even have lilacs soon.

I am off tonight to training for Alateen. Hope it is successful and a successful program can begin. It is sure needed in these parts. We shall see.

Went to the energy program this past weekend. They had electric bicycles, cars and even wheel chairs. It was interesting and I learned a lot. Even Dave Holt, Norway town Manager was there. It was a good crowd and very educational. I had to leave early and didn't get to drive one of the electric cars. That's OK. They are too expensive for me to be able to buy one anyway. Maybe someday.

Thursday, May 14, the Norway Farmer's Market reopens at Longley Plaza 2 to 6 p.m. The one at Squire's Market will be there too. Nice to get fresh vegetables, meats, eggs, etc. Spring must really be here, finally.

There is also a hike at Step Falls that sounds great. I think I will wait for the next one to participate. I am much improved. I even am back to Tai Chi and can walk most of the time without even a cane. YAY!

Monday, May 18, the Knit and Chat group meets at Waterford library from 2 to 4 p.m. All levels knitters are welcome. Please call: 533-2050 for more info.

My computer is still malfunctioning and I can't do half of what I want. But I am receiving and able to send mail so that is good.

Norway taxes are due next week, May 20, so I have to remember to pay attention. Both French Road and Pikes Hill are due.

That is all for now. If anyone knows someone looking for a place to live I may be looking for a housemate. Must be able and willing to do chores including wood. If interested, please call me at 743-0583.

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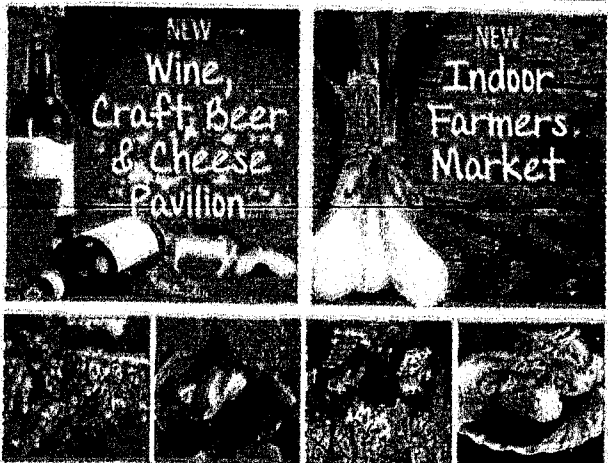
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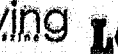
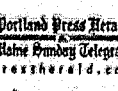
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Telstar FBLA wins awards



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The Future Business Leaders of America from Telstar High School participated in the Maine State Leadership Conference in South Portland this spring. At the conference students took part in business related testing, business workshops, leadership sessions, electoral process, spirit activities, and had an amazing motivational speaker, Buffy Dumont, talking to them about the importance of making the most of the life you are dealt and not being stuck in your own turmoil.

This year our Telstar Chapter won third place in the overall conference. This is the first year that they have placed in the over-all category and is a remarkable demonstration of our student's capabilities since Telstar is the only school at this conference that does not offer Business or Computer classes within the curriculum.

Many of the Telstar F.B.L.A. students received awards for business, communication, computer skill testing, and presentations: Liam Gallagher - 1st in Banking & Financial Systems; Zac Wheeler - 3rd in Accounting II; Josh Eliot - 2nd in Business Math; Aaron Speakman - 2nd in Computer Applications; Cassidy Smith - 1st in Database Design & Application; Austin Bear - 3rd in Digital Design & Promotion; Meg Glover & Nancy Huston - 3rd in Digital Video Production; Meg Glover & Tyra Howes

3rd in Public Service Announcement; Nick Johnson - 2nd in Electronic Career Portfolio; Willis Stevens - 3rd in FBLA Principles & Procedures; Tyra Howes - 2nd in Healthcare Administration; Maureen Glover - 3rd in Help Desk; Annie Cushman - 3rd in Hospitality Management; Gabi Stone - 3rd in Impromptu Speaking and 3rd in Scrapbook; Elijah Laird - 3rd in Parliamentary Procedures; Avry Griffin - 2nd in Public Speaking I; Aaron Speakman - 2nd in Website Design; Anna Tyrina - 3rd in Chapter Activity Display; Our special thanks goes

out to Project Opportunity. Without their generous contribution this 2-day leadership excursion would not have been possible. Project Opportunity is a wonderful asset to the students in this community and we highly encourage you to help them out with a donation during their annual appeal this month!

Telstar's F.B.L.A. is always looking for Volunteer opportunities. We are currently working on next year's Program of Works so if anyone has a project in mind contact Jennifer Bennett at Telstar High School.

Backyard Reflections

Blue Jay spring

BY SARA WRIGHT

"Here she comes, here she comes!" the blue jays screech the moment they catch sight of me alerting everyone in the neighborhood that food is on the way. This morning I was out around 7 a.m. walking my two dogs, hoping to be finished before the "great wind" struck. The blue jays sounded impatient as they continued to squawk at me from the pines. They were out of suet, and I had neglected to scatter their seed ration for the morning!

I must have at least 30 residents some of whom stay throughout the summer. These clever members of the Corvid family will inhale an amazing amount of seed if given the chance so I ration their seed portions while enjoying their antics. After refilling the tube feeder and scattering a bit of seed under the pines I come in to watch a bevy of jays work the tube feeder while another bunch peck away on the ground under the conifers. One jay clings to the tube with black claws and as the others gather below on the ground, he showers them with seed striking the feeder opening over and over with his long black beak. After a few minutes this blue jay will fly off and another will take his place on the tube. One morning I counted five Jays repeating this process before being distracted by hungry dogs.

Thanks to biologist Bernd Heinrich many folks are acquainted with the intelligence and tool use by ravens who are also members of the Corvid family. Captive jays have been known to use strips of newspaper to rake in food pellets from outside their cages, but I was surprised to read that no one has documented that Jays in the wild use tools because I have observed this behavior.

In addition to the heinous ability of red squirrels to foil my every attempt to capture them in "have a heart" traps I also have jays who routinely flip the traps on their sides spilling the seed as they settle in for an easy feast. Occasionally I will see a jay take a stick and use it to spring the trap by poking the seed tray with it. These different methods of "trap - seed" gathering appear to depend on the whim of the jay involved? I have no idea because it is difficult to draw conclusions from such a small sampling.

Blue jays favor mixed conifer and deciduous forests that contain beech and oak trees because they are especially fond of nuts. Blue jays carry food in their throat and upper esophagus. They may store 2-3 acorns in their throat pouch, another in their mouth and one more in the tip of their bill. In one study six birds with radio transmitters cached 5000 acorns during

ing a two - month period one autumn! They store nuts for later consumption much like the nefarious squirrels do. According to some sources blue jays' fondness for acorns and their accuracy in selecting and burying acorns that have not been infested with weevils may be responsible for the spread of oak trees after the last glacial period. Blue jays are omnivores and will feast upon fruits, nuts, seeds, grains, insects, small invertebrates and rarely, birds' eggs. If I put scraps out for the foxes too early in the day the jays will pick chicken bones clean.

Blue jays are native to North America and are well adapted to human activity. They are residents throughout southern Canada and most of the eastern and central United States from Maine to Florida. Their magnificent sky or delft blue color is not derived from pigments but is a result of light interference due to the internal structure of the feathers. If a blue feather is crushed the blue disappears because the structure is destroyed. Blue jays' deep blue crests stand up when agitated and relax when they are with members of their own groups. The black neck collar varies from bird to bird and can be used as a means of identification.

The two genders are similar in size and I cannot tell them apart unless it is mating season and see a pair together. These birds also mate for life, and unlike other species stay together throughout the year but around here they also gather in flocks. Both parents build the open cup shaped nest in a branch of either a deciduous tree or an evergreen. Anywhere from two to seven eggs compose the clutch that the female incubates. Both parents feed the chicks and the young stay with their parents for a couple of months. I love seeing the scruffy looking

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High School Varsity Softball

Telstar 12, Wiscasset 0; May 6 - Olivia York threw a no-hitter and Tehya Johnson had a homerun to pace the Rebels to a win over Wiscasset on Wednesday, May 6. Olivia shut out the visitors limiting them to only two walks and striking out 5 as the Rebels extended their win streak to 6 games. Sadie Ellsworth, Becca Howard, Haley Peterson and Lisa Gammon scored 2 runs each. Katie Merrill had an RBI single and Vanessa Godwin made a good defensive play and drove in the deciding run to end the contest. - Coach Lunney

Hall-Dale 11, Telstar 2; May 8 - Telstar's softball team suffered their first loss of the season falling to a strong Hall-Dale nine. The Rebels had only 3 hits in the game and made numerous errors as the defense did not hold up against an aggressive Bulldog team. Olivia York threw well for the Rebels but that was not enough to earn a win. The team is now 6-1 on the season. - Coach Lunney

Madison 2, Telstar 1; May 11 - Telstar's softball lost a tough game to Madison on Monday. Olivia York pitched well holding the Bulldogs to 5 hits and only 1 earned run. Becca Howard had two hits for the Rebels and Ashley Savage provided a first inning triple and scored the only Telstar run. Katie Merrill had the only other hit for the Rebels. The Rebel defense bounced back from the Hall-Dale game and played well overall for the game. The home lost an opportunity to score more in the first inning by stranding two runners on with no one out. Each of the outfielders Lisa Gammon, Hayley Peterson and Katie Merrill made good catches to keep the visitors off the bases. Shortstop Becca Howard, third baseman Ashley Savage and pitcher Olivia York fielded their positions quite well for the game. The Rebels are now 6-2 on the season. - Coach Lunney

High School JV Softball

Telstar 17, Mt. Abram 5; May 5 - The Telstar Lady Rebels JV Softball Team played their first home game of the season defeating Mt. Abram in 6 innings. Making her high school pitching debut, Kylee Martin went the distance on the mound allowing 5 hits, 2 strike outs and 6 walks and made many defensive stops on grounders back to her. Martin also led the offense with 4 hits and scoring 4 times. Emily Philbrick, Dharma Damon, Blair Stevens and Sierra Morin each had two hits, and singles from Naomi Carr and Taylor Merrill to round out the offense. The team played much better, were more aggressive at bat and on the base paths in a team effort. - Coach Mark Kenney

Middle School JV Softball

Telstar 18, Mt. Valley 15; May 11 - The TMS JV softball team defeated Mt. Valley. Great pitching by Brooklyn Kimball on the mound. Ellen Files did an awesome job behind the plate. We had some nice hits by Ellen Files, Brooklyn Kimball and a three run home run by Emalee Coffin. Every player on the team made it on base at least once. We had some nice defensive moves by Brooklyn Kimball, Ella Kellogg, Perry Morton, Ellen Files and Madison Roberts. - Coach Cozzolino

High School Girls' Track

Meet at Telstar, May 5 - Mt. Valley 97, Dirigo 89, Mt. Abram 63, St. Dom's 61, Hebron 26, Telstar 20. 1600m Run: 2. Gabi Stone 6:07.4; 5. Carla Boyle-Wright 6:38.5. 400m Dash: 5. Marta Opie 1:16.2. 3200m Run: 3. Kaitlyn Brown 13:22.7. Pole Vault: 1. Maureen Glover 5.00.0.

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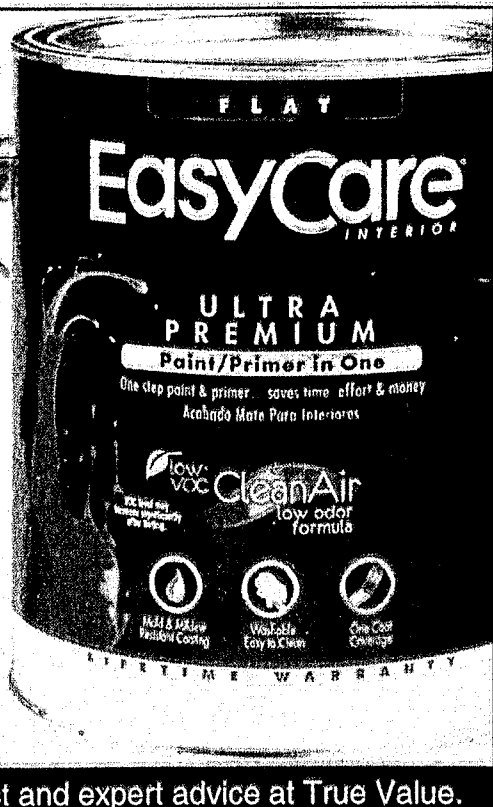
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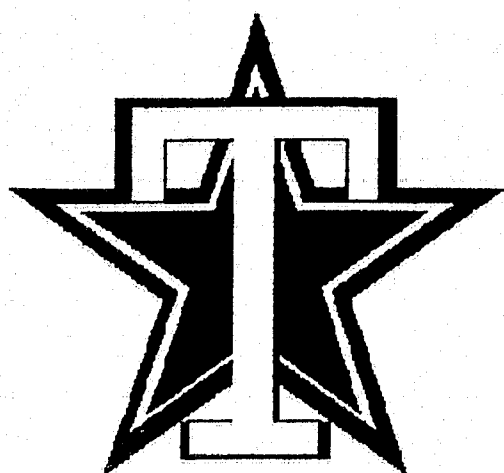
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Telstar Regional High School Recognizes Top Scholars Class of 2015

Telstar Regional High School staff and students are pleased to announce the honor students from the graduating class of 2015. These individuals have distinguished themselves throughout their high school careers. The Telstar community congratulates these young scholars for their commitment to their studies, their school and their communities.



**Travis Edward
Wheeler**
Valedictorian

Travis Edward Wheeler is the son of Paula and Danny Wheeler of Songo Pond, Albany. He is the Class of 2015 Valedictorian. Travis is an avid and dedicated learner who has enjoyed his time at Telstar, excelling in his classes and earning a spot on the National Honor Society for the last two years. Chorus and music with Mrs. Bennett will always be a fond memory along with his Christmas Concert solo being a highlight of his three years in Chorus. His broad knowledge of facts and events on many fronts made him a favorite choice for trivia teams and has sparked discussions with his peers and educators daily.

Always a lover of sports, Travis received the four year Dedicated Rebel football award for his involvement as manager of the team. Travis was the 2014 Homecoming King and Honorary Captain of the 2014 Telstar Rebels Football team for Homecoming.

Looking ahead, he plans to pursue a Hospitality Management Degree with a long term goal of owning his own small business.

His community involvement includes volunteering annually at the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce's Mollycoddett Days booth and on Songo Pond for the Maine State Triathlon. He was closely involved with the local youth football programs from their inception starting when he and his closest friends were in third grade.

Travis' passions outside of school include collecting vinyl record albums, listening to books, watching and talking endlessly about sports and pop culture with his many friends and family members. He also enjoys days on the lake hanging out with friends and family. Family reunions are a high point each year.



**Liam Clement
Andrew Gallagher**
Salutatorian

Liam Clement Andrew Gallagher is the son of Tom and Elizabeth Gallagher of Woodstock. Liam has been an active member of the Telstar community for all four years of high school. He serves as Student Council Co-President, senior class Co-President, and President of the Telstar Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America. He is also involved in the National Honor Society, Drama Club, Telstar News Club, and Interact. Outside of school, he serves as the Co-Chair of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland's Catholic Youth Leadership Team. Liam has performed many acts of community service, including for the Maine Winter Special Olympics and Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish. He has played four sports for four years and been captain of two of them. He plans to attend Providence College and study Philosophy.



**Rebecca-Lynn
Tuttle**
Third Honors

Rebecca-Lynn Tuttle is the daughter of LaurieAnn Swan of Bethel, and James J. Tuttle Jr. of Bethel. Rebecca-Lynn has earned an outstanding one hundred hours of community service assisting as a student aid for Melissa Prescott, and being a peer tutor. She has been a member of Future Business Leaders of America, and the National Honor Society. She has participated in Cross Country Running, as well as Track and Field. Rebecca-Lynn challenged herself throughout high school by taking on Honors classes in both Mathematics and Spanish. She challenged herself even further by being a participant of the College piloting program, in which she has spent her senior year taking college courses at Central Maine Community College. Outside of school Rebecca-Lynn enjoys running,

hiking, camping, skiing, snowboarding, and just being outdoors. Rebecca-Lynn's future endeavors include staying at CMCC next year and finishing out her associate's degree.



**Anna Andreevna
Tyrina**
Fourth Honors

Anna Andreevna Tyrina is the daughter of Valentina Tyrina of Greenwood, Maine and Andrei Tyrina of Syktyvkar, Russia. Anna is the Secretary of Telstar's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Chapter and the Secretary of Telstar's National Honor Society Chapter. This is her third year being the Secretary of FBLA. On top of this, Anna is also the Secretary of Maine State Chapter of FBLA. She volunteers at the Whitman Memorial Library in Woodstock and tutors in her free time. She has participated in the Alpine Racing Program and Drama and Theater for three years and participated in FBLA for four years and NHS for two years. She was also a member of Prom Committee during her junior year. Anna worked at Sunday River Ski Resort as a Seasonal Program Instructor for two years. Anna's hobbies include playing guitar, doing yoga, word puzzles, reading, watching Brazilian soap operas in Russian and exploring the Hindu culture. Her plans after graduation include completing a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry and Psychology, and going on to medical school to become a pediatrician.



**Savannah Marie
Clough**
Fifth Honors

Savannah Marie Clough is the daughter of Harold Clough, Jr. of Bethel and Lynn Locke of South Paris. Savannah has made the honor-roll most of her high school career. Her freshman year, she received a Student of the Month award. Savannah was also on the prom committee her junior year and

participated on the year-book committee her senior year. Outside of school she enjoys reading, spending time with friends and family, and working. After high school, Savannah plans on going to college to study Veterinary Technology.



**Gregory Michael
Wheeler**
Sixth Honors

Gregory Michael Wheeler is the son of Stacey and Timothy Wheeler of Bethel. Throughout high school he has engaged in a variety of civic activities including peer tutoring, raising funds for the MDA, and participating as a volunteer at the Special Olympics. He is a member of Telstar's local chapter of FBLA and was Treasurer of the state executive board (2014-2015). Other activities consist of Student Council, Tech Team, and NHS. He's an endurance athlete, having competed in Cross-Country running, and distance Track, for four years. During the winter season, he participates in both Alpine and Nordic skiing. After graduation, he plans to enroll at the University of California, Los Angeles.



**Zachary Benjamin
Wheeler**
Seventh Honors

Zachary Benjamin Wheeler is the son of Paula and Danny Wheeler of Songo Pond, Albany. Zachary is a devoted and passionate student who has achieved distinction while juggling AP and Honors classes during high level varsity athletic competition. He has taken both AP History courses offered by Telstar as well as numerous honors classes in the science and math departments. Since his freshman year, Zac has also involved himself in the school's athletic departments. He was a captain on both the varsity football and basketball teams during his senior year. While captaining the teams he achieved the Campbell Conference Academic Excellence Award and the Mountain Valley All

Academic All-Star Award, as well as spending his Saturdays coaching with the local youth basketball program. As a member of the National Honor Society, Zachary has also taken on a greater leadership role during his senior year. He ran for President of the group last spring and has used that role to make a greater impact among his peers and school community. As a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, Zac has been able to grow as well as help members of his school and community. In the future Zac plans to attend the University of Maine at Farmington to pursue a degree in Elementary Education.



**Aaron Thomas
Speakman**
Eighth Honors

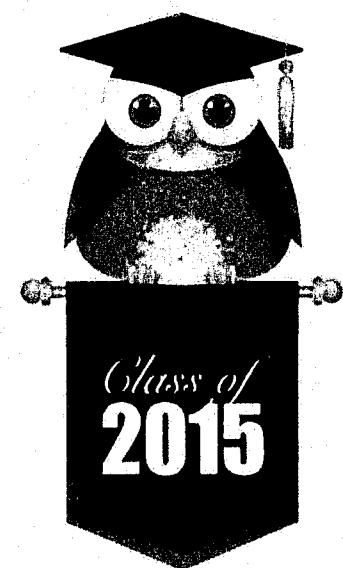
Aaron Thomas Speakman is the son of Joel and Heather Speakman of Bethel. Aaron enjoys volunteering both in the community and at Telstar. Some of his volunteer work includes the Special Olympics, the Bethel Alliance Church and Tech/Auditorium Manager at Telstar. Throughout his high schools years, Aaron has participated in various athletic teams and clubs: Soccer, Alpine skiing, Nordic skiing as well as Future Business Leaders of America and Drama club. In addition, during his junior year Aaron was on the student council and was a peer tutor. Aaron enjoys hanging out with his friends, sharing on Tumblr, a microblogging platform, and working at the Bethel Inn. He plans on pursuing a degree in Computer Science.



**Christopher Austin
Chappie**
Ninth Honors

Christopher Austin Chappie is the son of Jack and Tricia Chappie of Bethel, Maine. Christopher has pushed himself throughout his high school career, always taking advanced classes in the math and science departments. During

his senior year he has taken the opportunity to participate in available AP classes in those departments. Chris has helped students with the knowledge he has gained through tutoring peers in the library for the past two years. Outside of the classroom, Chris has also been a leader as captain of the varsity football team for two years and as captain of the varsity baseball team for one. Chris has been honored as Student of the Month, during his junior year, and by being selected as a member of National Honor Society for his senior year. Chris plans to attend Husson University for Health Sciences as an undergraduate and Physical Therapy for his graduate studies.



**Anne Elizabeth
Cushman**
Tenth Honors

Anne Elizabeth Cushman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Cushman of Bryant Pond. Annie has been an active student at Telstar where she has been a three season athlete playing field hockey, basketball and softball. She also has been a National Honor Society member for two years, serving as Historian her senior year, and a member of FBLA and Student Council. Annie performed an internship her senior year with the Maine 4H Foundation, where she also serves as a youth trustee. She also attended the "Grab the Torch" program last summer in Bryant Pond with a focus on philanthropy and entrepreneurship. Outside of school, Annie enjoys traveling, snowmobiling, boating and camping and she works as a waitress at the Little Red Hen in Andover. In the fall Annie will attend the National University of Ireland in Maynooth for one semester and then she will continue her studies at University of North Carolina Wilmington.

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News from the Bethel Historical Society

"Local & Legendary" Project Final Celebration
The "Local & Legendary: Bethel, Maine, in the Civil War" project will conclude its year-long series of public offerings on Sunday, May 17, with an outstanding program at Gould Academy's Bingham Hall auditorium, starting at 4 p.m. The event, which is free, will feature songs of the Civil War performed by the Androscoggin Chorale Chamber Singers, directed by Dr. John Corrie of Bates College. As reported in last week's Citizen, those attending will be transported back to the 1860s through a performance of "My Dear Absent Husband," a dramatically staged presentation of the Civil War letters of Private

Stephen Richards and his wife Lydia, of Upton. Directed by Tom Davis, this production is certainly one not to be missed.
The "Local & Legendary" project, which began in the spring of 2014, is a collaboration between Gould Academy, the Bethel Library Association and the Bethel Historical Society. It is sponsored by the Maine Historical Society and Maine Humanities Council, with funding provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities.
Facilities
Improvements Continue
Maintaining the character and historical integrity of the Society's two properties is an ongoing task made all the more challenging as both buildings are

listed in the "National Register of Historic Places." Earlier this spring, it was determined that the Mason House courtyard fence, constructed in 1972-73, had reached a point where small repairs could no longer guarantee its long-term preservation. Therefore, a replacement based on a 19th century example at the nearby Hastings Homestead has been completed by local contractors Dan and Jeremy Gibbs. Built mostly of cedar, the new fence is more authentic than its predecessor and will hopefully last much longer with regular maintenance.
The Society has received updated signs that will soon be placed in front of the Mason and Robinson Houses.

Created by BHS Business Partner Swan Screenprinting, the signs feature the new "Museums of the Bethel Historical Society" imprint launched earlier this year. The Society wishes to thank David Jones and Angela Connelly, as well as a generous anonymous donor, for donating the costs of the new signs.
Huntoon Building Project Update
Despite a busy summer and fall season of programming ahead, the Society is anxious to begin construction of the second, and final, addition to the O'Neil Robinson House in the next few weeks. Based partly on concept plans developed about a decade ago, the new building is being funded by long-

time BHS member Charles R. Huntoon of Portland, and will resemble the original Robinson barn that stood on the same site from 1821 to 1931. A significant feature of the Huntoon wing will be a two-story, fireproof, climate-controlled storage space where the Society's archives, along with many of its most significant museum objects, will be kept and made available for public viewing and research purposes by appointment.
Located at Bethel, Maine (founded in 1768 as "Sudbury Canada"), the Bethel Historical Society collects, preserves, displays, and interprets the history of western Maine and the White Mountain region of Maine and New Hampshire through

exhibits, lectures, events, and publications. The "Museums of the Bethel Historical Society" feature six exhibit galleries and nine period rooms spread throughout two buildings - the 1821 O'Neil Robinson House and the 1813 Dr. Moses Mason House. An extensive on-site research library contains books, manuscripts, maps and photographs available to members and the general public year-round by appointment. The Society's museum collection contains thousands of objects that tell the story of the town of Bethel and the surrounding region. Throughout the year, the Society provides a full schedule of high quality events (most free of charge), for people of all ages.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Thursday, May 14

"Pig Out on Reading" Program; 1 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Farmer Minor, his pig Daisy and his two pug dogs will present a program to two Woodstock Elementary School Classes. The public is also welcome to attend.

WMSC Step Falls Hike/Potluck; 4 p.m., Step Falls Preserve, Route 26, Newry. Lynne Zimmerman of Bethel will lead the leisurely one-mile hike to identify spring wildflowers and enjoy the waterfalls. The hike will be followed by a potluck dinner at the Mahosuc Mountain Lodge. FMI: Steve Smith (824-3491) or stsmith@pcgs.com).

DASH Diet Workshop; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Registered dietician Pat Watson will present a program on the DASH Diet to Lower High Blood Pressure. There is no cost for this program. FMI/Registration: 743-1562 ext. 6896.

Cooking Gluten Free; 5:30 to 8 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church. A living gluten free cooking workshop will be offered by Suzanne Dunham, gluten free baker and herbalist. The class will begin with a brief presentation about going gluten free. The cooking session will be hands on preparation of two gluten free dishes, and will include tips about using alternative flours in cooking. Handouts and recipes will be provided. Tuition: \$12. FMI/Registration: 824-2780.

MLT/Ellis River to Whitecap Project Intro and Kick-off; 7 p.m., River Valley Growth Council Building, 60 Lowell Street, Rumford. Presentation and refreshments. FMI: 824-3806.

May 15, 16 and 17

15th Annual Home Garden Flower Show, May Fair; Fryeburg Fairgrounds. Seven buildings filled with almost 300 plus booths on home and energy and 9 garden centers, garden artisans and crafters, plus five acres of outdoor products for the home and garden and other related businesses. The famous Meet the Chefs Cooking Series, Lodge Cast Iron Skillet Toss, Home and Garden Seminars, Kids activities and demonstrations. Guest speakers, fair food and more. General Admission \$10. Children 10 and under free. Group rates available. FMI: www.homegardenflowershow.com or 800-359-2033.

Saturday, May 16

Indoor Yard Sale; 8 a.m. to noon, the Wilkins House, Plummer Hill Road, Waterford. Many new household items, books, toys, puzzles, games and baby items. There is something for all ages. All proceeds benefit the Wilkins House and the Church.

Greenwood Town Meeting; 9 a.m. at Legion Hall. East Bethel Cemetery Clean-up Day; 9 a.m. Rain date, May 17.

Car Seat Safety Event; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School's front parking lot. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will be available to provide free hands-on seat inspections.

Rumford Auxiliary Yard Sale; Members of the Auxiliary will be at 209 Lincoln Avenue on Friday mornings during May to accept donations from the public for the yard sale. Pick up for donations to the sale can be arranged by calling 364-3648 or at 562-4343. The Auxiliary accepts everything except major appliances and clothing. Furniture, rugs, kitchen

goods, books and office items are big sellers. All proceeds are donated to Rumford Hospital.

Finnish-American Heritage Society Public Buffet Supper; 5 p.m., Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Featuring Finnish, American and other ethnic foods. \$8/adults, \$4/children under 12.

Sunday, May 17

Finnish-American Heritage Society Meeting; 2 p.m., Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Following a brief business meeting, the program will be music by A Chording to Kantele and Proverbs, Folktales and Myths by Dale Piirainen.

Local and Legendary: Bethel, Maine in the Civil War - Final Celebration; 4 p.m., Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy, featuring The Androscoggin Chorale Chamber Singers and the dramatic presentation of "My Dear Absent Husband" based on the actual letters of Stephen and Lydia Richards of Upton.

Monday, May 18

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://mecc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Fryeburg Town Office. Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have about services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families. Free and open to the public. FMI/Appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Mahosuc Community Band Spring Concert; 7 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Donations accepted. Refreshments following the concert.

Tuesday, May 19

MDOT Transportation Forum; 3 to 5 p.m., Region 9 Education Center, Mexico. The MDOT seeks to solicit ideas in order to better meet the need for general public transportation for low-income individuals, the elderly, individuals with disabilities and the general public. Comments may be e-mailed to Transit.MaineDOT@maine.gov by those unable to attend the forum.

May 20, 27, June 3, 10 and 17

Quick Start Workshop on Starting a Business; 6 to 8 p.m., Community Concepts Conference Room, 17 Market Square, South Paris. Instructors include Dana Hanley, Esq. of Hanley & Associates, Daryl Cote, CPA, with Ouellette & Associates, PA and Oxford Hills SCORE business counselors Steve Veazey, John Huffman and Charlie Peabody. \$10 per workshop. FMI: 743-6543 or mpurcell@community-concepts.org.

Wednesday, May 20

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Norway Town Office. Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have about services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families. Free and open to the public. FMI/Appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Maine Clean Elections House Party; 4 to 5:30 p.m., Crescent Park School cafeteria, Bethel. An MCCE organizer will attend, providing handouts and information. Sen. John Patrick may be able attend the second party and was elected with the help of public campaign funds. Light refreshment will be provided. FMI/RSVP: Seabur Lyon (sslyon@megalink.net or 207-381-0068).

Townships Meeting With County Officials; 6 to 7:30 p.m., Albany Town House. All residents and taxpayers of Albany, Mason, Milton and Riley Townships are invited to meet with Oxford County officials. A discussion session and a Q/A period will address issues include upcoming road work, taxes, and the mechanics of budget adoption at the state level and how these issues affect the townships' tax bills.

"The Ancestral Androscoggin Esker and Related Local Glacial Features"; 7 p.m., Rumford Municipal Building. Sponsored by the Rumford Historical Society at its May meeting, naturalist and environmental educator Bob Elliott uses slides and discussion to illustrate how the Ice Age glacier created "kames," "kettle holes," "plunge-pit pot-holes,"

and the remarkable "Ancestral Androscoggin Esker" the gravel ridge often called the "whale's back" that dots the landscape for over 70 miles from Aziscohos through the Richardson Lakes, the Ellis River Valley, along Routes 232 and 26 all the way to Cumberland. Please arrive by 7 p.m. for a brief business meeting of the Society. Program is expected to begin at 7:15. Enter the building through the Police Station on the River Street side, go to the end of the hall and take the elevator to the third floor Auditorium. Then come on Saturday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., for a Field Trip to explore area features, leaving from Route 232 in Rumford Point. Please bring your own lunch. FMI: Bob at 824-2928.

Thursday, May 21

Invasive Forest Pests and Invasive Plants Program; 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library. Jean Federico of the Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District will present information on invasive forest pests and invasive plants and what we can do to help battle these problems.

WMSC To Your Health "Aging in Place" Presentation; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Bethel Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. Aging in Place refers to seniors remaining independently in their homes as they age. Representatives from several towns in Maine involved in developing their own models for seniors will be present. Possibilities will be explored and how they can be implemented in the Greater Bethel Area. Public invited. Free admission. FMI call R. Tiff at 824-2053.

Oxford County Democrats regional meeting; 5:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall on Bradley Street in Fryeburg. Updates on the Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders organizing efforts in Maine and on anticipated referendum questions. A major focus will be on legislative, county and congressional races in 2016. RSVP appreciated at info@oxforddems.org or to Cathy Newell at 875-2116.

Saturday, May 23

WFLT 28th Annual Bird Walk; 7:30 a.m., Roberts Farm Preserve, Norway. Bring binoculars and bird books. Dress for weather, bugs, walking and wet footing. About 50 species are generally identified during this two hour walk. Refreshments will be available. Donations are appreciated.

MLT Spring Bird Walk; 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., 1.1 miles north of the intersection of the Andover Road and East Andover Road. Please park on the right hand side of the road as you travel north. Dress for weather, bugs, walking and wet footing. FMI/RSVP: 357-9954 or eecker@gmail.com.

Wednesday, May 27

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Democrats meeting

The Oxford County Democrats will hold a regional meeting on Thursday, May 21 at 5:30 at the Legion Hall on Bradley Street in Fryeburg. This is one of several events planned for May and June to launch the 2015-2016 campaign cycle. Previous activities included a field trip to the State House, a regional meeting on May 7 in Mexico, and a Volunteer Recognition event with Mike Michaud as special guest planned for June 6 in Norway.

The Fryeburg meeting will begin with refreshments and social time. The agenda will include an update on plans for the summer, with special emphasis on the southern part of the county. There will be updates on the Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders organizing efforts in Maine and on anticipated referendum questions. A major focus will be on legislative, county and congressional races in 2016. RSVP is appreciated at info@oxforddems.org or to Cathy Newell at 875-2116.

Saturday, June 6 is the date for the Volunteer Recognition event with Mike Michaud as special guest. Michaud is the graduation speaker at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School graduation that evening. Details to be announced. Additional information will be posted on Facebook, https://www.facebook.com/OxfordCountyDems.

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Puzzles4Kids

CODED RIDDLE

by Helene Hovanec

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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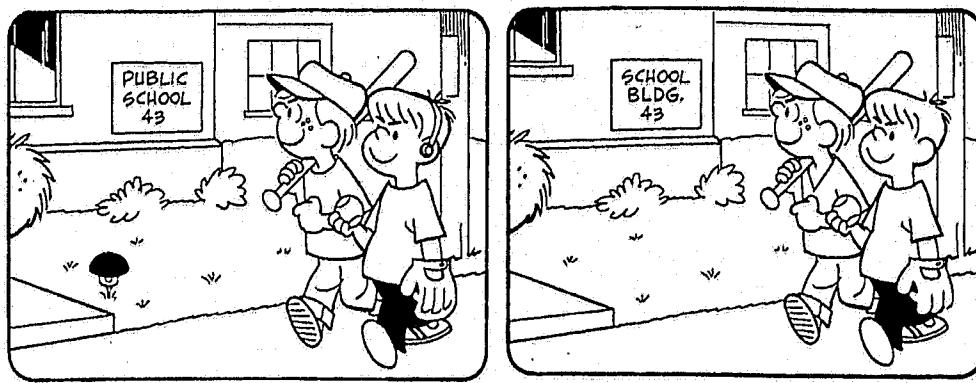
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Window is higher. 2. Sign is different. 3. Lawn light is missing. 4. Neckline is different. 5. Headset is missing. 6. Baseball glove is different.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Y equals L

VWMK UMXUYM ZVMYYQKP QK J

TXRKOLI JLM YJLPMYI

FYXV-VQOOMZ, Q'Z TJYY OWJO

UXURYJOQXK ZMKFQOI.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

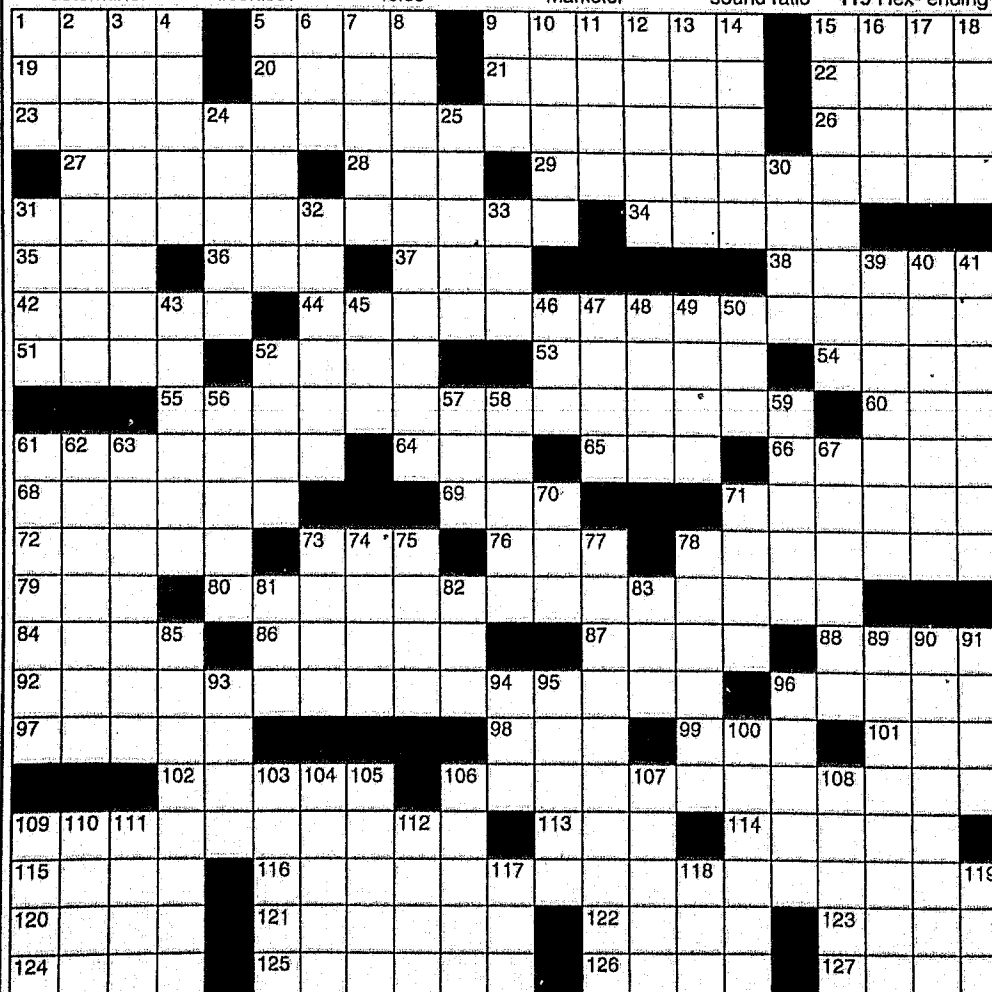
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"He called me a lousy cook, so I hit him with one of my _____."

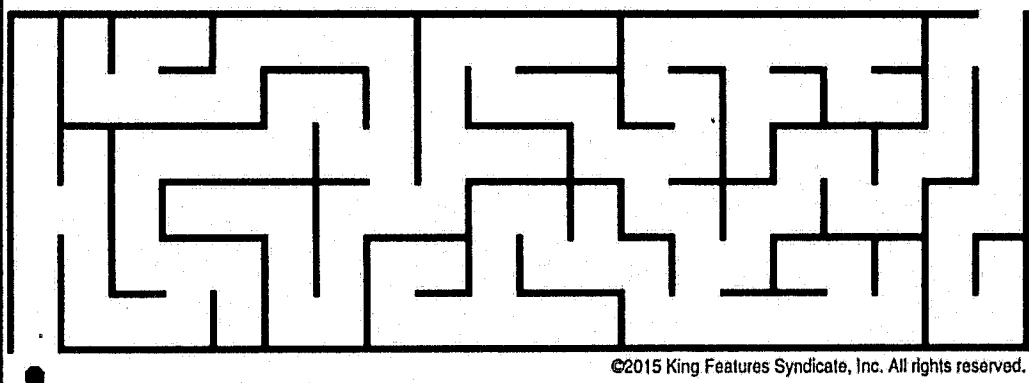
Super Crossword

APPELLATION TRUNCATION

- ACROSS**
- 1 Duelist's weapon
 - 5 Club (retail chain)
 - 9 Weds on the sly
 - 15 Swine food
 - 19 Carter of "Gimme a Break!"
 - 20 "Stat!"
 - 21 Film director George A. —
 - 22 Bluish hue
 - 23 Cruel Curry in a London borough?
 - 26 Kitty chip
 - 27 The real —
 - 28 Skirt's edge
 - 29 Give Mason the ax?
 - 31 Make do with Paul?
 - 34 "— a Letter to My Love" (1981 film)
 - 35 Road goop
 - 36 Song syllable
 - 37 Acne care brand
 - 38 Physics prize of note
 - 42 Show penitence
 - 44 College founded by Hagen?
 - 51 Hereditarily determiner
 - 52 Attired
 - 53 Flummoxed
 - 54 Mrs., in Bonn
 - 55 Question for
 - 56 Knots when he's holding a package?
 - 60 Bygone space station
 - 61 Extreme joy
 - 64 Arcing tennis shot
 - 65 Second letter addendum: Abbr.
 - 66 Singer with the 2011 album "21"
 - 68 Goes by car
 - 69 Came in first
 - 71 Sculpting aid
 - 72 Not too tasty
 - 73 "— a Rock" (1966 hit)
 - 76 "Ni-H-Ice!"
 - 78 Semis, say
 - 79 Go bad
 - 80 Return
 - 81 Shearer's phone call?
 - 84 Operatic solo
 - 86 Running shoe brand
 - 87 Traffic sound
 - 88 Billion : giga :: trillion : —
 - 92 Anthony championing personal liberties?
 - 96 —noires (bugbears)
 - 97 January, in Spain
 - 98 Coll. dorm supervisors
 - 99 —haw (donkey's sound)
 - 101 Moose kin
 - 102 With 111-Down, connect two dots, maybe
 - 106 Battling it out with Murdoch?
 - 109 Put Arthur on mood-stabilizing medication?
 - 113 Regatta tool
 - 114 Post John
 - 115 Exclude
 - 116 "Whew, such a relief that Kahlo arrived!"
 - 120 Area
 - 121 Samplings
 - 122 Kin of beige
 - 123 Prep school on the Thames
 - 124 Tram loads
 - 125 Ukrainian port city
 - 126 Exclude
 - 127 Unit of force
 - 128 Answer from the accused
 - 129 "Warrior" co-star Nick
 - 130 2,065, in old Rome
 - 131 Year, in old Rome
 - 132 Fawn's father
 - 133 Defective
 - 134 Uvea's organ
 - 135 Cat breed
 - 136 Virtual marketer
 - 137 Victor's wreaths
 - 138 Sir Isaac —
 - 139 Slangy negative
 - 140 Shaft of light
 - 141 Call a halt to
 - 142 "The jig —"
 - 143 Turner and Kennedy
 - 144 Ming of basketball shaped
 - 145 Elliot of the Mamas & the Papas
 - 146 Feature of "gum" but not "gem"
 - 147 Pledge
 - 148 Download for a Kindle
 - 149 Bible book before Habakkuk
 - 150 Give a hug to
 - 151 Fill with a crayon
 - 152 Not dynamic, as a verb
 - 153 Expand
 - 154 "— so much"
 - 155 Lug
 - 156 "Who's there?" answer
 - 157 Make — deal out of
 - 158 Speed-of-sound ratio
 - 159 Hex-ending
 - 160 Scorching
 - 161 "The — Coochi Coo" (1961 hit)
 - 162 Musicality
 - 163 Winter hrs. in Wichita
 - 164 "... — iron bars a cage"
 - 165 When shows are broadcast
 - 166 Forever
 - 167 Had faith in
 - 168 Inquires
 - 169 Bereft
 - 170 — Lanka
 - 171 Myopic "Mr."
 - 172 "I — You" (hit for Elvis)
 - 173 Concludes
 - 174 Hard — follow
 - 175 "I thought — a deal!"
 - 176 Humble
 - 177 Phonies
 - 178 Fast one
 - 179 One way to mark losses
 - 180 Clown name
 - 181 Love dilly
 - 182 See 102-Across
 - 183 Sinus docs
 - 184 Cookie-pushing org.
 - 185 Hexa-halved



Kids' Maze

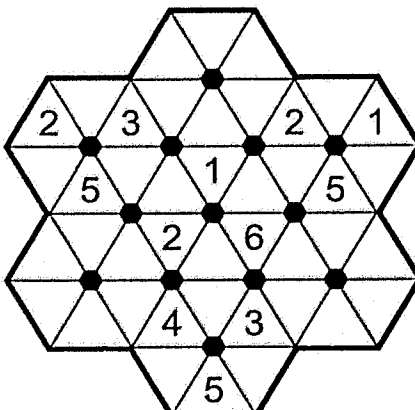


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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



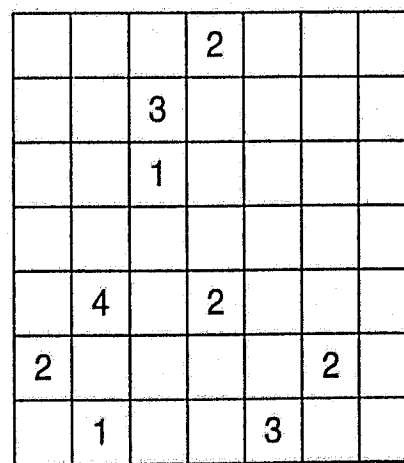
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦
♦ Easy ♦ Medium ♦ Difficult

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Star★Map

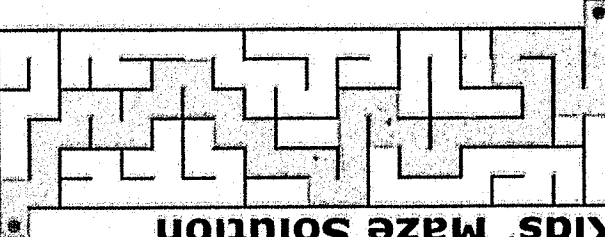
By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram below so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



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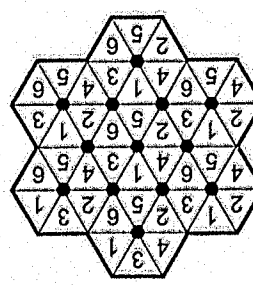
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Kids' Maze Solution

CryptoQuip
When people dwelling in a country are largely slow-witted, I'd call that answer.

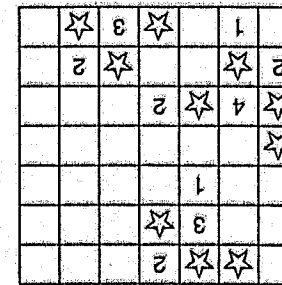
SCRAMBLERS
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3. Tackles; 4. Large solution



SNOWFLAKES solution

Puzzles4Kids ANSWER

Why is a revolving door so sad? Because everybody always pushes it around.



Star★Map solution

ANSWERS:

MAY

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Numb as a Pounded Thumb

BY JOHN MCDONALD

Putting seeds in the ground

Every year it's the same. Down at the store, at this time of year, the serious gardeners in our town reenact the rites of spring. One group of players - who always want to be first at everything - especially gardening argue their case to anyone who will listen. These people insist on planting their seeds as early as possible. They even pay extra for robust, hearty seeds. Then they buy things like little frost covers for their precious plants along with any other garden gadget they come across. On the other side are traditional gardeners who read almanacs and insist that here in Maine you never know when we might have a killing frost so you shouldn't put any seeds in the ground until Memorial Day weekend. This group feels that no matter how unpredictable Mother Nature may be, not even she would dare spring a killing frost on us that late in the year. In years we do get a killing frost in June these gardeners say it's just the exception that proves their rule. Over the years I've put

both gardening theories into practice with mixed results. Some years I planted early in May and other years I decided to plant late. My garden failed no matter what, where or when I planted.

For help I'd watch the gardening shows on television and took extensive notes. Then I started listening to a popular garden show on the radio. I got a lot of great ideas and gardening tips, but my garden didn't improve enough to notice.

Sometimes I thought my failure resulted from not spending enough money on all those fancy tools. So, when I'd see a television ad for something like the garden claw or the tilling weasel, I'd go right out and get one. Sometimes I'd buy two just for good measure. While at the store I'd always see a few other garden gizmos I thought my garden might need, and I'd scoop them all up and take them to the checkout counter. I've carried hundreds of expensive tools and clever gadgets back home and thrown them on the pile.

One year I read that the way to have a good garden was to have "mounds" running up one side of your garden and down the other. So,

I went out and bought a few hundred feet of railroad ties and spent the better part of a week laying them down in squares and filling them with loam. I can't say the mounds did much good, but building them sure kept me out of mischief for a while.

This year I got the usual seed catalogs in the mail and paged through most of them looking at all the fancy tools that were available for the new growing season. And, when I'd go into the store every morning for my coffee, I'd listen once again to the arguments for and against early and late May planting. I listened but I didn't participate.

Last winter I sat down and figured out how much I spent on last year's garden and according to those figures last year's tomatoes cost me about \$64 a piece.

This year I've decided to take the money I'd normally spend on my garden and book me and the wife on a luxury cruise instead.

John McDonald is a Maine storyteller, author and radio personality on Portland's WGAN. He has written five books on Maine including "A Moose and a Lobster Walk into a Bar," "John McDonald's Maine Trivia," and "The Maine

Greenwood City Memories

BY COLISTA MORGAN

May Means Birdcalls

The night was dark and still. No sound came from the trees nearby until about four o'clock when May's festival of birds' songs began. These woodland minstrels were tuning their lyres and were led by the wood thrush. Its tones are solemn and serene. They harmonize with the whispering breeze, the falling of raindrops, the purling of water, the sounds of the forest. A-olee, he sings and rests; then unhurried, pours out a series of intermittent strains, rich metallic, powerful, with the vanishing tones of a bell. The song is so pure and ethereal as it rises and falls; it swells and dies away, that it just cannot be imitated or described. Only the hermit thrush can compare with it.

He kept his place for some minutes then retired to the forest, but only for moments, when he came again to the rock not far from my window and I was thankful that I could be there to hear.

The Baltimore oriole arrived this week also. That is always an event to be welcomed with joy. Even in New England this beautiful, elegantly formed bird is associated with blooming apple orchards and cherry blossoms. He has spent much time in mine, sending forth his clear short whistle and wild rounded notes.

Dandelions and violets are in bloom, the streams prattle over their stony beds, and the wonderful old earth responds as ever to the warmth, and clothes herself in beauty. Oh, the green! So lush, so fresh, so new, so lovely!

The bobolinks are in the farm fields and I must visit them this coming week.

It is summer season of leaves and grass ever changing. All day long there are a thousand things to do. Weeds and pests to fight, gardens to tend, for the bright sunshine and warmth must be made every use of while it lasts.

I have looked longingly at the pond and waited to ask my doctor if I could row my boat. This week his answer was, "Yes, within reason. Do anything you want to do."

So I went for a very short row one day then waited several days before I tried again. My discovery... I can't do anything that I want to do.

While out I viewed the fringing trees reflected in the water along the mirrored shores with blue green pines among the sweep of mountains.

The graceful ferns and the shifting lights of the woodlands intermingled, weaving splendid tapestries on the emerald curve of the shore; sometimes swaying against the sky.

I saw the bittern and heard his "Thunder-pump." I saw two black ducks and fished a little.

The redwings accompanied me for I drifted by the shore; no long free swing strokes today.

As I anchored I looked toward the Sanborn River and thought, "Someday..."

Above in the ash tree sat the oriole calling, "Here, here, I'm here!"

And I answered, "I am, too, so we are both happy," and left him still calling.

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2014 CHEVY IMPALA LIMITED #5ANP223 - 3.6L V6, AUTO, FWD, BLUETOOTH, CRUISE, REMOTE START, A/C, SUNROOF, ONSTAR, ALLOY WHEELS, 20K MILES! \$229 PER MONTH SALE PRICE: \$16,900 Payment reflects \$500 cash or trade down @ 2.99% APR for 66 mos.	2003 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER 4WD SUV #5ANP24A - 3.0L V6, AUTOMATIC, AWD, CRUISE, A/C, SUNROOF, ALLOY WHEELS, SPLIT BENCH REAR SEATS, ROOF RACK, 89K MILES \$149 PER MONTH SALE PRICE: \$9,900 Payment reflects \$500 cash or trade down @ 3.25% APR for 66 mos.	2002 CHEVROLET SILVERADO XC 4X4 #5ANP171 - 4.8L V8, AUTOMATIC, 4WD, 4DR EXTRA CAB, A/C, POWER WINDOWS & LOCKS, BED CAP TOW & HITCH PKG, 87K MILES \$182 PER MONTH SALE PRICE: \$11,900 Payment reflects \$500 cash or trade down @ 3.25% APR for 66 mos.
2005 CHRYSLER SEBRING 4DR SEDAN #5ANP170 - 2.7L V6, AUTOMATIC, FWD, AUTOMATIC, CRUISE, PWR MIRRORS, REMOTE PWR DR LOCKS, PASSENGER AIRBAG, 30K MILES \$98 PER MONTH SALE PRICE: \$6,900 Payment reflects \$500 cash or trade down @ 2.85% APR for 66 mos.	2011 LEXUS RX 350 4DR LUXURY AWD #5ANP208 - 3.5L V6, AUTOMATIC, AWD, BLUETOOTH, KEYLESS IGNITION, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE, RECLINING REAR SEATS, 53K MILES \$376 PER MONTH SALE PRICE: \$28,900 Payment reflects \$500 cash or trade down @ 3.4% APR for 66 mos.	2014 TOYOTA TUNDRA SR5 ACCESS CAB 4X4 #5ANP209 - 5.7L V8, AUTOMATIC, 4WD4DR DOUBLE CAB, BLUETOOTH, CRUISE, BACK-UP CAMERA, FRONT VIDEO MONITOR, ONLY 12K MILES! \$450 PER MONTH SALE PRICE: \$33,900 Payment reflects \$500 cash or trade down @ 3.1% APR for 66 mos.

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Obituaries



FRANCIS L. OSGOOD JR.

Francis L. Osgood Jr., 85 of Berlin, N.H. passed away on Sunday morning May 10, 2015 at the Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin. He was born in Bethel on June 5, 1929 the son of Francis L. Osgood Sr. and Beatrice (Brown) Osgood and was raised in Bethel and moved to Berlin in 1959. Francis had been employed by White Mountain Lumber Company for 50 years. He attended the Heritage Baptist Church. His enjoy-

ments were spending time with his great grandchildren Michael, Andrew-David, Jesse, Jonah, Maizy, Melody and Haley and his grand-dog Abby. He also enjoyed woodworking, bowling, rides looking for moose and evening coffee at McDonalds.

Members of the family include his wife Lillian (Hart) Osgood; a daughter Debbie Page and her late husband David; a son David Osgood and his wife Lise, all of Berlin, N.H.; four grandchildren Vikki Dalton and husband Bob, Genie Tardif and husband Chad, Jason Osgood and companion Michelle Meredith and Cory Osgood and wife Jordan; seven great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by an infant daughter Darlene; four brothers Robert, Walter, Chester and George; and by three sisters Florence, Marion and Dot.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning May 13, 2015 at the Heri-

tage Baptist Church, 13 Exchange Street, Berlin. Interment was in the Russian City Cemetery. Flowers are acceptable or donations in his memory to the Heritage Baptist Church, 13 Exchange Street, Berlin, N.H. 03570. Online guest book at www.bryantfuneralhome.net.

MARY M. BROWN

A graveside service for Mary M. Brown, who passed away on Nov. 25, 2014, will be held Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 1 p.m. at Riverside Cemetery.

GILMAN B. WHITMAN

A memorial service for Gilman B. Whitman, who passed away on March 17, 2015, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16 at the Locke's Mills Union Church. Burial with Military Honors will follow at the Lakeside Cemetery in Bryant Pond. Arrangements by the Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, South Paris.

Engagement



WIGHT-FARRINGTON

Mark and Sharon Farrington of East Andover, Maine announce the engagement of their daughter Cynthia to Kurt Wight, son of Brad and Brenda Wight of Newry, Maine.

Cindy is a 2006 graduate of Telstar Regional High School and a 2009 graduate of the University of New England at Westbrook with a degree in Dental Hygiene. She is employed at Great Falls Dental in Auburn.

Kurt is a 2004 graduate of Telstar Regional High School and attended the University of Maine at Orono. Kurt is employed at Sunday River Ski Resort in Newry. An August 22, 2015 wedding is planned.

Births

HAMLIN

Brian and Erin Hamlin of South Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Rian Oliver, born on April 3, 2015 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Ron Houle of Auburn and Deb Richardson of New Gloucester.

Paternal grandmother is Cynthia Jones of South Portland.

Rian joins two sisters, Alaina Reese 6 and Evelyn Mae 2.

SABINS

Monica Frazer and Mitchell Sabins of Albany are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Allia Madison Sabins, born on April 28, 2015 at 5:08 p.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 pounds 3 ounces.

Maternal grandmother is Sandra Frazer.

Paternal grandparents are Nancy Sabins and Joseph Sabins.

Blue Jay

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young who have no crests and look as if they have been smudged by pastels. The youngsters are very curious and if I put out anything shiny like a piece of tin foil, bottle caps, or place brightly colored pieces of string on the ground I can be certain a young jay will appear to steal the bounty. Due to the blue jays' pattern of flight and slow flying speed this species makes easy prey for hawks and owls when flying in open areas. These birds are also susceptible to West Nile virus. I have one pair of blue jays that nest in the enormous field pine near the house every year where they can keep a sharp eye on me in case I leave them treats!

Much of the migratory behavior of this species is shrouded in mystery. Thou-

sands of blue jays migrate in flocks along the Great Lakes and Atlantic coast. But some are present throughout the winter in all parts of their range. Young jays may be more likely to migrate than adults but many adults also travel. Some individual jays go south one winter, stay north the next winter, and then migrate south again the next year. Thus far no one has worked out why these birds migrate when they do. Bird migrations in general remain a mystery to scientists, and a source of wonder to me.

Blue jays are beneficial to other bird species because they will screech at their enemies. Blue jays are incredibly persistent and will scream or mob an owl until it chooses another day roost. Blue jays also sound the alarm if a hawk is in the air alerting the small birds to danger. These birds also mimic the sounds of other birds and can be taught to imitate human speech. They have an extraordinary

number of distinct calls and I find myself fascinated by their conversation. I am always trying to figure out what their distinct vocalizations might mean. My blue jays "kee" just like the resident red tails and I am often fooled as I run outside to see a raptor only to discover that the blue jays have been mimicking the hawks for reasons that remain unclear to me unless you consider their role as the trickster in mythology.

In Native American myths Blue Jay steals the sun and visits the land of the dead to search out his bride, or in reverse, Blue Jay is a she who has a ghost husband. The Northwest coastal Chinook shamans honor this bird with a dance that includes raucous bird calls so Blue Jay will hear them and give the tribe some of his powers. In one story Blue Jay enjoyed playing tricks on his older sister Iol who he refused to obey. He deliberately misinterpreted what his sister said and excused himself by saying "oh, she always tells lies!"

We all know people like Blue Jay who thrive on this kind of reversal, refusing to take responsibility for their own behavior.

In Loving Memory of
John E. Cox Jr.
5/15/1944 - 5/3/2003



Another year has passed since you went away
And I still miss you every day
You are in my heart and on my mind
Every single day, all the time
You were always there
When something was wrong
You held my hand and
Helped me to be strong
You stayed by my side
When times were tough
And let me know
That you cared enough
Nothing else could ever fulfill
Everything your love did for me
You understood a side of me
That no one else could ever see
You were always there
When no one else cared
The best times of all
Were the ones we shared
We've been together through good and bad
You made me laugh when I was sad
No one else could ever be
As good a friend as you were to me
A true love like you is hard to find
You put my past and my flaws aside
And someday I will join you
On the other side
You were a beautiful person
Inside and out
With such a great personality
That is no doubt
I will love and cherish you
All of my days
And in my heart
You will always stay
Your Loving wife, Carol Cox and Family

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Saturday, May 30
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In memory of Carol S. Jordan

The family wishes to express our deep appreciation to those who have offered such kindness, support and messages of sympathy and comfort in our bereavement.

We especially wish to thank the staff at Stephen's M.H., Norway C.H. & Rehabilitation, and Androscoggin H.C. & Hospice.

Cub and Denise and Musa thank you for being here when we needed you. Thanks to Pastor Kevin and members of the

Bethel Alliance Church for your gifts of meals and support.

Our West Bethel neighborhood is a close-knit community and a blessing. We love you.
The Jordan tribe,
Rodney, Sherwood,
Karen Paul, Audrey Brooke and families.

ANNUAL MEETING of the Middle Intervale Cemetery
May 16 at 7am
Rain date: May 17 at 7am

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Spring Meeting and Clean Up
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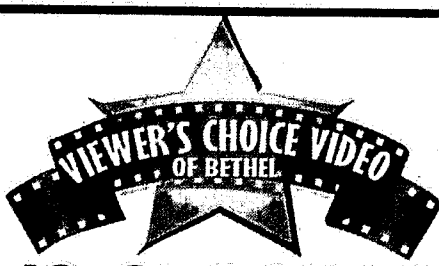
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ANNUAL MEETING
Bethel Water District

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The regular monthly meeting will take place after the annual meeting.

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